

PRIVATE
DEVOTION
AND A
BRIEF EXPLICATION
OF THE
Ten Commandments.

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*Thou, when thou Prayest, enter into thy Closet;
and when thou hast shut the Door, Pray to thy Fa-
ther, which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth
in secret, shall reward thee openly.*

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CHAP. I.

The Morning Office.

I. *At Rising.*

Blessed be God my Creatour and
Preserver. Amen.

O Almighty Lord and everlast-
ing God, vouchsafe I beseech
thee, to direct, sanctifie and govern,
both our hearts and bodies, in the
ways of thy laws, and in the works of
thy commandments; that through
thy most mighty protection, *by which*
Heaven and Earth consist, both here
A and

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and ever we may be preserved in body and soul, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.
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II. Before Dinner.

OUR Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, *adored be thy Majesty, which is great, wonderful, holy, almighty and eternal.*

Thy Kingdom come, where dwelleth righteousness and peace.

Thy will and holy commandment be done; as in Heaven by the blessed Angels and souls of righteous men, continually, zealously and unanimously: so on Earth by me and all mine, by this church, by the church Universal, and by all that breathe. For of thee we live and move, and have our time, and the hope of everlasting happiness. Again and for ever adored be thy Name.

Give us this day our daily bread and necessities, in diligence, honesty, moderation

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deration and content. And blessed be the most bountiful Creatour for all his blessings spiritual and temporal, conferred on me, and all mankind. Give comfort and relief, and in part by our hands, to the sick, the poor, the fatherless, the stranger and the afflicted.

Forgive us, miserable and ungrateful sinners, all our trespasses, in thought and word and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, for the infinite merits and by the efficacious intercession of Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour: as we now entirely forgive those that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation and trouble, as we deserve. But of thy great goodness deliver us from all evil and hurt, both of soul and body; from our enemies seen and unseen: from the wiles and suggestions of the Devil, the corruptions of the World, and all other occasions of sin: from thy wrath, and the terror of death, and everlasting damnation, for the sake of thy only beloved

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Son, who hath taught us this Prayer.

For thine is the Kingdom ; thou rulest what thou hast made : thine the Power, infinitely surpassing all that we can ask, or think, or fear : thine the mercy, of which we are the unworthy instance and example : and thine the glory, the praise, the worship and the obedience, world without end. Amen.

III.

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, *and of all things visible and invisible.*

And in Jesus Christ his only *and eternal* Son our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate *for the sins of the world*, was crucified, dead and buried ; He descended into hell, *and triumphed over the powers of darkness.* The third day he rose again from the dead, He ascend-

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ascended into heaven, and *as I most surely believe, now sitteth at the right hand and eminent glory of God the Father Almighty, interceding for his faithful people.* From thence he shall come *at the end of the world,* to judge the quick and the dead *according to their works.*

I believe in the Holy Ghost, *the Lord and giver of life and wisdom, and vertue, and all that good is.*

The holy Catholick and Apostolick Church, *where is the word of God, the Sacraments, and all other means of salvation.*

The Communion of Saints *in the service of God, and expectation of consummate blifs.*

The forgiveness of sins *by the alone merits of Jesus Christ.* The resurrection of the body, *by his rising:* And the life everlasting, *through his purchase.* Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that I may behave myself this day futable to this Reve-

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lation and holy Confession; for which
I humbly bless thy Name. Amen.

IV.

I Will say every morning and evening the Collect for the Week, and also for each day of the week one of the Collects following.

Sunday.

Collect for Easterday, or S. after Easter. And, *Glory be to God on high,*
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Munday.

1 S. in Advent, or 2 S. after Epiphany, or 4 S. after Epiphany.

Tuesday.

2 S. in Advent, or 7 S. after Trinity, or 4 S. after Easter.

Wednesday.

Ashwednesday, or 12 Sun. after Trinity, or 4 S. after Trinity.

Thurs-

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Thursday.

Ascension-day, or 14 Sunday after
Trinity, or 6 Sunday after Trinity.

Friday.

Goodfriday, or 18 S. after Trini-
ty, or 24 S. after Trinity.

Saturday.

Easter-Eve, or 12 S. after Trinity,
or 3 S. after Trinity.

V.

LOrd God Almighty, to thy grace
and mercy, to thy protection,
disposal and governance, I now most
humbly and entirely commit my soul
and body, which thou hast created,
redeemed, preserved, and in measure
sanctify'd: my goods and estate,
whcih thou hast given and continu-
ed (and encreased) to me: All my
thoughts and desires, my words and
works

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works, my designs and affairs, particularly, &c. Which I undertake in thy fear and for thy glory.

My dear Family and Kindred, as &c. blessing thee for their health, mutual love and piety; and humbly beseeching thy Divine Majesty to preserve them in this grace.

My friends and acquaintance, my superiours and benefactors, as &c. *Lord ever direct and prosper them.* The Queen and the whole Realm; blessing thy Holy Name for the health and peace and plenty we enjoy, and beseeching thee to continue these thy mercies and to forgive us all our offences.

This Holy Church, of which by thy graoe I am a member: *Blessed be God our helper and defender.*

The Church Universal; *Enlarge and unite thy people, O triumphant Saviour.* All that are distressed in mind, body, or estate, especially such as suffer for righteousness sake through-
out

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out the whole world. *Thy eye is ever upon them, Almighty and most merciful Father : Grant them patience and deliverance.*

Finally I commend to thy goodness thy whole Creation. Thy mercy is over all thy works : thy mercy , O Lord, endureth for ever.

VI.

UTmost obedience, fear, love ; hope, and affiance ; continual praise and thanksgiving, glory and adoration be to the one God Almighty, the Creatour, the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier , as it was in the beginning , is now, (*accept O Lord my affection and devotion*) and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

As long as I live, I will serve thee with all my soul, and with all my might. As long as I live, I will magnifie thee in this manner, and lift up my hands with my heart in thy Name.

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Name. And let Heaven and Earth give thanks unto thy Holy Majesty for ever and ever. Amen. *Hallelujah.*

VII.

THis day I will do, as I would be done to.

This day I will do some good, God helping me.

This day I will set the Lord before my face, that I may not sin against him.

The Lord blefs my going out and my coming in, and all my employments, from this time forth for evermore, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHAP. II.

AT *Noon* Every day I will say the *Lord's Prayer*, and Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

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PRAYER.

CHAP. III.

The Evening Office.

I. Before Supper.

I Will say the Lord's Prayer, and the Collects for the week, and for the day, as before Dinner.

II.

ALmighty God, who seeest we have no power of our selves to help our selves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls: that we may be defended

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ded from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

III.

THen looking up to heaven, I will think and meditate with all seriousness and serenity of mind, with fear and reverence, with firm belief, good affection and admiration upon the chief articles of the Christian Faith :

Most especially upon the eternal, everlasting, invisible, omnipresent, almighty, omniscient, incomprehensible, immutable, most perfect, most excellent, most high, most happy, most holy, most just, and infinitely merciful and gracious God and Father, Lord and King, Creatour, Preserver and Governour of Men and Angels, and of all things in Heaven
and

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and Earth. *I fear thee, I bless thee, I thank thee, I adore thee with all submission of soul and body, I put my whole trust in thee, I love thee, I will obey thee, Author of all good, and endless fountain of life, and wisdom, and power, and peace, and felicity.*

I will likewise meditate with all thankfulness upon our most gracious Lord and all-sufficient Saviour *Jesus Christ*, the eternal Son of the Father: who hath loved us, and taken our nature, and washed us from our sins in his own blood: the perfect rule and pattern of holiness, and the perpetual and ever-prevailing Advocate at God's right-hand for all the penitent and believing.

I will also meditate upon the pure and glorious Majesty: the quickning, piercing, enlightning and burning power: the prophecies and miracles: the long-suffering, warning and instruction: the sanctification, prevention, assistance and consolation, and
the

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the manifold gifts and vertues of the Holy Ghost. *Pardon, I most humbly beseech thee, O God of love and mercy, my too frequent neglects of thy grace and presence.*

Glory be now to the Eternal Trinity, which innumerable spotless Angels and souls of righteous men, and all the powers of heaven incessantly do serve, and praise, and worship, with fear and trembling. To these I joyn my humble voice, and my willing but polluted heart, saying, *Amen. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.*

Moreover, from daily experience and example I will Reflect on the brevity, vanity, various temptations, sinfulness and sorrows of this mortal life, upon which the eternal dependeth.

I will also Contemplate with faith, fear and solicitude the general Resurrection, and final Judgment of all mankind, according to our works,
words

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words and designs, at Christ's most glorious, most dreadful, most righteous and all-searching Tribunal. *Lord Jesus have mercy upon us all, and prepare us for thy coming.*

Finally, I will Ponder and Congratulate the present satisfaction and internal peace, and the future everlasting joy and happiness; O unexpressible and everlasting happiness both in soul and body, for all the faithful and obedient, through the inestimable merits of Christ Jesus. Amen, Hosanna in the highest.

IV.

Furthermore, I will constantly use Self-examination. Oh my soul! what have I done this day? What have I omitted? How have I offended against God or man, in thought, word, or deed?

O Lord Almighty, God most holy, thou Judge eternal, have mercy upon me a vile sinner, and for thy infinite good-

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goodness forgive me the transgressions of this day, in particular, &c. together with the rest of the sins of my life, especially the more heinous and presumptuous, as &c. I am heartily sorry for these my misdoings. The remembrance, the stain, the guilt, the burden of them is grievous unto me. For Christ's sake pity and pardon me, and establish my heart by thy grace: that I may hereafter more earnestly and faithfully pursue those necessary and solemn vows of a cautious, sober, honest and godly life, which I have often made unto thee, especially at thy holy Sacraments. Amen.

V.

I now render most humble and hearty thanks unto thee, Almighty and most gracious God, for all thy Blessings vouchsafed me this day, especially, &c.

Thanks be to the Divine grace,
that

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that I have passed this day without scandal and without trouble.

Blessed be God, my strength and hope, that I have done any thing this Day, which I ought to do.

Here I am, O Father; do with me as seems best in thine own eyes.

O let my Service be acceptable to thee, while I live: and my Soul ready for thee, when I die. Amen, Lord God Almighty, who hast created me, and redeemed me. *Hallelujah.*

VI. Going to Bed I will say,

THE Lord bless, and keep me
and mine all this Night. Oh
keep our Souls. Amen. For Christ's
sake.

*Here endeth the Shorter Office for
every day.*

*See the Larger at Rising and Re-
posing. Chap. ix. and x.*

PIOUS
RESOLUTIONS.

CHAP. IV.

I.

I Will frequently say, The Lord sees me in all my ways. Or, if I have time, I will repeat *Psal. 139.*

II.

I Will love and fear and serve the Lord my God; by his grace and help, with all my heart and affection, with all my soul and intention, with all my mind, contrivance and understanding, and with all my might, faculties and industry. And I will love my neighbour as my self. For saith the Gracious Saviour, on these two Commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matt. c. 22.*
Luke

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Luke c. 10. Deut. c. vi. 5, and x, 12, 20, &c. 11. 3.

III.

I will often recite *Tit. c. 11. 11, 12.*

The Saving grace of God hath appeared unto all men, teaching us, that denying ungodliness and Worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously, and godly in this present World: looking for the blessed hope, and glorious Appearing of our Saviour JESUS Christ, who gave himself for us, to redeem us from all iniquity.

Or, *Prov. c. 19. 16.* He that keepeth the commandments, keepeth his Soul.

Or, The fear of the Lord, *the praise of Piety*, is the beginning, *is the perfection* of wisdom, and the praise of it endureth for ever. *Psal. 111. 10.*
Prov. c. 1. 7. &c. 9. 10.

Or, *Cor. c. vi. 9, 10.* Be not deceived: nor fornicators, nor effeminate, nor idolaters, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers,

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nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

IV.

I will not tell a lye.

I will not couzen, or deceive any one, in any matter.

I will never act against my conscience: but carefully observe *Psal.* 36. 38. Keep innocency, and take to the thing that is right; and that shall bring a Man peace at the last.

V.

I will obey my Superiours.

VI.

I will not be idle.

VII.

I will be moderate and tender in the use of lawful things: the Lord is at hand.

VIII.

I have made a Covenant with my eyes and ears, not to attend to vanity: but by labour and temperance I will subdue my body.

O mercy of heaven, that our breasts
are

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are the ark of the Divine Law, and our bodies the Temple of the Holy Ghost: if any defile the Temple of God, them God will destroy. *1 Cor. c. 6. 5, 9.* Preserve therefore, O Holy Father, my body and soul in chastity. Thy grace is sufficient for me.

I will be sure to check and resist the beginning and occasions of vice, as dangerous company, excess in eating and drinking, sloth and idleness, melancholly, self-conceit, a covetous eye, and the like.

IX.

I will often Pray: O Lord set a watch before my mouth, the awe of thy Presence and future vindication: and keep the door of my lips, that I offend not in my tongue. *Psal. 141. 3. Psal. 34. 12, 13. James c. 1. 26. Prov. 39. 1, 2. Eccles. c. 22. 27.*

X.

The sun shall not go down in my wrath.

I will first be reconciled to my of-

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fended Brother or Sister, and then come and offer my gift and sacrifice of Praise and Supplication: For, saith the Lord, in whose name I Pray and Confide, if you forgive not Men their trespasses, neither will your Heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses: *Matt. c. 6. 15. and 5. 24.*

XI.

I will often recite the Beatitudes, *Matt. c. 5. ver. 1, to the 12.* And often say, God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble, *1 Peter c. 5. 3.*

XII.

I will love and cherish the Creatures of God.

I will render no man evil for evil, or railing for railing, but in stead thereof, prayers and charity and blessing.

I will live peaceably and courteously with all men for Christ's sake, who against all demerit hath loved me.

XIII.

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XIII.

Forasmuch as JESUS the King, will say unto them on his right-hand at the last day, Come ye blessed of my Father, take the inheritance of the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the World: For I was naked and ye cloathed me, I was sick and ye visited me, I was hungry and ye gave me meat, I was in prison and ye came to me, I was a stranger and ye took me in: for verily I say unto you, inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me, *Matt. c. 25. 34.* I will therefore relieve the Poor, visit and pity, and help the Sick and afflicted: teach the ignorant, direct and love the stranger: easily pardon offenders, hurt nobody, and do all the good I can, through Jesus Christ my Saviour and Judge. Amen.

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XIV.

Whether I eat or drink, or whatsoever else I do, I sincerely desire and will carefully endeavour to do all to the glory of God and my own salvation, through Jesus Christ my Saviour and Support. Amen. *1. Cor. c. 10. 31.*

XV.

I put my trust in the living God only.

I am very well content, I am very thankful for my present estate. *Phil. c. 4. 11, 12. Hebr. c. 13. 5.*

Moreover, with an humble and serene mind I wait for my Dissolution, in hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ my Redeemer. Amen.

God be merciful to me a Sinner. *Luke c. 16. 17.*

SELECT
LESSONS.

CHAP. V.

I.

I will read often in secret, or in the family, (for the preservation of Piety, and Temperance, and Honesty) through God's help, the Church-Catechism, and also these Chapters of Holy Scripture.

Our Saviour's Sermon on the Mount, *Matt.* c. 5. and c. 6, and c. 7.

Another Sermon, *Luke* c. 12. and c. 13.

Jesus Christ God and Man. *St. Joh. Gosp.* c. 1.

Christ's comforting his Church. *St. John's Gosp.* c. 15. and c. 16, and c. 17.

II.

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II.

The Duties of a Christian Man,
Rom. c. 12, and c. 13. *Gal.* c. 5, and
c. 6. *Phil.* c. 4. *Col.* c. 3, and c. 4.
Ephes. c. 4. 1 *Thess.* c. 4, and c. 5.
St. *Peters* 1 Epistle. St. *James* Epistle.
Deut. c. 6. *Job* c. 31. *Ecclesiastes* c.
12. *Psal.* 15, and 34, and 41, and
119, and 1, and *Proverbs* through-
out.

III.

The Duties of Governours and
Governed, as Kings and Subjects,
Priests and People, Fathers and Chil-
dren, Masters and Servants, *Rom.* c.
13. 1 *Peter* c. 2, and c. 3. *Col.* c. 3.
Ephes. c. 5, and c. 6. 1 *Tim.* c. 6.
Tit. c. 11, and c. 3.

IV.

I will delight to read our Lord's
Parables, as of the
Publicane and Pharisee, *Luke*
c. 18.

Prodigal Son, *Luke* 15.

Lost Sheep, *Luke* 15.

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of Holy Scripture.

Ten Talents, *Luke* c. 19.

Widow and unjust Judge, *Luke*
c. 18.

Wise Virgins, *Matt.* c. 25.

Two Debtors, *Luke* c. 7.

Kind Samaritane, *Luke* c. 10.

Rich Man and Lazarus, *Luke*
c. 16.

Sower, *Luke* c. 8.

V.

I will also frequently review the
Forty Great and Merciful Miracles
of our Lord, as so many excellent
Subjects of his inexhaustible Praise,
and so many Pillars of our Hope and
Devotion.

1 Water made Wine, *John* 2. 1,
and 10.

2 Lunatick dispossessed, *Mark* 1.
21, 28.

3 Peter's Mother-in-law cured of
a Fever, *Luke* 4. 38, 40.

4 Stupendious Draught of Fishes
at the lake of *Tiberias*, *Luke* 5. 1,
11.

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- 5 Leper cleansed, *Matt.* 8. 2, 4.
- 6 Paralytick let down by the roof and healed, *Luke* 5. 17, 26.
- 7 The withered Hand restored, *Luke* 6. 6, 10.
- 8 Good Centurion's servant cured, *Luke* 7. 2, 10.
- 9 Widows Son of *Naim* revived out of the bier, *Luke* 28. 11, 17.
- 10 Deaf and Dumb and Blind demoniack recovered, *Matt.* 12. 22, 23.
- 11 Storm ceaseth at Christ's word, *Mark* 4. 25, 40.
- 12 Legion of devils sent out of a Man into the swine, *Mark* 5. 1, 21.
- 13 Bloody-flux cured by the touch of the Lord's garment, *Mark* 5. 22, 34.
- 14 *Jairus* his daughter restored to life, *Mark* 5. 35, 43.
- 15 Two blind Men restored by Christ's touch, and a dumb devil cast out. *Matt.* 9. 26, 32.

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16 Ruler's Son healed at a distance,
John 4. 46, 53.

17 Impotent at *Bethesda* healed
with a word, *John* 5. 1, 15.

18 Five Thousand fed with five
loaves and two fishes, *Mark* 6. 30, 34.

19 Jesus walketh on the sea, *Matt.*
14. 22, 23.

20 *Syrophenician's* Daughter dis-
possess, *Matt.* 15. 21, 28.

21 Deaf and Dumb Man of *De-*
capolis cured by a touch, *Mark* 7.
31, 37.

22 Blind Man of *Bethsaida* reco-
vered by our Lord's Hand, *Mark* 8.
1, 22, 26.

23 Christ's Transfiguration, *Mat.*
17. 1, 8.

24 Raving Lunatick recovered,
Mark 7. 13, 28.

25 *Cesar's* Tribute miraculously
procured from the mouth of a Fish,
Matt. 17. 23, 26.

26 Sight given to one born Blind,
John 4. 1, 38.

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27 Believing Woman cured of eighteen years Infirmary, *Luke* 13. 10, 17.

28 Dropsy cured on the Sabbath-day, *Luke* 14. 1, 6.

29 Ten Lepers cured, *Luke* 17. 11, 19.

30 Two blind Men of Jericho restored by Christ's finger. *Matt.* 20. 21, 34.

31 *Lazarus* raised from the dead, *John* 11. 1, 44.

32 Fruitless fig-tree cursed and withered, *Mark* 11. 12, 23.

33 Our Lord's Passion, *John* c. 18, and c. 19. *Luke* c. 22, and *Matt.* c. 26, and c. 27.

34 Our Lord's Resurrection, *Mark* c. 16. *Luke* c. 14.

35 His Appearing to *Mary*, *John* 20. 11, 18.

36 His Appearing to the two disciples going to *Emaus*, *Luke* 24. 13, 33.

37 His Manifestation to the Apo-

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Apostles, except *Thomas*, *Luke* 24.
34, 42.

38 His Rising and Humanity proved
to *Thomas*, *John* 20. 24, 29.

39 His Eating with his Disciples
at the Lake of *Tiberias* after a mi-
raculous draught of Fishes, *John*
21. 1, 14.

40 Our Lord's Ascension into Hea-
ven, *Luke* 24, 49, 50. *Acts* 1. 1, 12.

VI.

I will also add the Miracles fol-
lowing.

1 Descent of the Holy Ghost at
Pentecost, *Acts* c. 2.

2 Creeple at the Temple cured by
St. *Peter* and St. *John*, *Acts* c. 3.

3 Conversion of five thousand by
one Sermon, and a second Descent of
the Holy Ghost, *Acts* c. 4.

4 *Ananias* and *Sapphira* are struck
dead for Lying, and the very shadow
of St. *Peter* healeth, *Acts* c. 5.

5 Wonders, Confession, and Mar-
tyrdom

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tyrdom of St. Stephen, Acts c. 6. and c. 7.

6 Philip Miraculously carried away from the converted *Ethiopian*, Acts c. 8. 26, 40.

7 St. Paul's Conversion, Acts c. 9, and c. 22.

8 St. Peter's Deliverance from prison, Acts c. 12.

9 St. Peter cures *Eneas* of a Palsie, and restores *Tabitha* to life, Acts c. 9. 32, 43.

10 Creeple of *Lystra* cured by St. Paul, Acts 14. 8, 18.

11 Witch of *Thyatira* dispossessed by St. Paul, and the prison miraculously opened, Acts 16. 16, 40.

12 Touch of St. Paul's Body cures diseases, and expels devils, Acts c. 19. 1, 20.

13 Dead *Eutychus* recovered by St. Paul, Acts c. 20. 6, 12.

14 St. Paul's strange cures at *Melita*, Acts c. 28. 1, 10.

of Holy Scripture.

VII.

Moreover I will research and ponder these miracles of the Old Testament.

1 Creating, drowning and restoring of the world, *Gen.* c. 1, and c. 6, and c. 7, and c. 8.

2 Furnace and Lamp passing through *Abraham's* sacrifice, *Gen.* 15.

3 *Sodom's* destruction, *Gen.* c. 18. and c. 19.

4 *Isaac's* birth, and his rescue from the altar on *Moriah*, *Gen.* 18. 1, 15. and 21, 1, 8, and 22.

5 Plagues of *Egypt*, and the renowned Exodus, *Exod.* c. 7, c. 8, c. 9, c. 10, c. 12, 31, 51. c. 13. 17, 22. c. 14, and c. 15, and *Psal.* 78.

6 Quails, manna, water struck from the dry rock, and *Amalek* defeated by *Moses* his elevated Hands. *Exod.* c. 16, and c. 17.

7 Terrible wonders of *Sinai*, *Exod.* c. 19 c. 24, c. 33, and c. 34.

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8 Cloud

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8 Cloud of fire on the Tabernacle,
Exod. c. 40. 34, 38.

9 Fire from Heaven upon *Aaron's*
first sacrifice, *Lev.* c. 9. 22, 24. As
before on *Abel's*, *Gen.* c. 4. 4. and after
on *Solomon's*, 2 *Chron.* c. 7. and upon
Elias, 2 *Kings* c. 18.

10 Swallowing up of *Corah*, *Num.*
c. 16. *Psal.* 106.

11 Brasen-serpent against the ve-
nom of the fiery, *Num.* c. 21. 4, 9.

12 *Balaam's* asis and prophecies,
Num. c. 22, c. 23, and c. 24.

13 Ten commandments written up-
on two tables of stone, *Deut.* 10. 1, 5.

14 Dividing of *Jordan* before the
ark and priests of the Lord, *Josh.* c.
3, and c. 4.

15 Arch-angel encouraging *Joshua*,
Josh. c. 5. 13, 15.

16 Downfal of *Jericho*, by the
Priests procession and trumpets, *Josh.*
c. 6.

17 Sun and Moon stand still, *Josh.*
c. 10. 8, 14.

18 *Gi-*

of Holy Scripture.

18 *Gideon's* cakes and fleece, and victory with three hundred men only, *Judg.* c. 6. 11, 40, and c. 7.

19 Wonders of *Manoah's* Angel, *Judg.* c. 13.

20 *Sampson's* foxes and jaw-bone: his removing the gates and pulling down the temple of *Gaza*, *Judg.* c. 15, and c. 16.

21 Philistines plagued, and *Dagon* destroyed before the Ark of God, 1 *Sam.* c. 5. and *Uzza* struck dead for touching the Ark, when it shook, 2 *Sam.* c. 6. 6, 11.

22 *David's* killing *Goliath* the giant, *Sam.* c. 17.

23 *Elijah* is nourisht by Ravens, and by the unwasting meal and oyl of the widow of *Zarepta*, whose dead Son he restores to life, 1 *Kings* c. 17.

24 *Elijah* by prayer obtaineth rain, and also fire from heaven, 2 *Kin.* c. 1.

25 Rapture of *Elijah* wonderfull, like the recess of *Enoch*, and the

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Expiration of *Moses*, 2 Kings c. 2.
Gen. c. 5. 24. *Deut.* c. 34.

26 *Elisba* divides *Jordan* with the mantle of his Master *Elijah*, heals the corrupt waters, and destroys the mocking children.

27 *Elisba* refreshes the armies of three Kings with water from Heaven, 2 King. c. 3.

28 *Elisba* multiplies the widows oyl to pay her debts: and by prayer both obtains and revives the child of the old and good *Shunamite*: and cures the poyson'd pottage, and also feeds a multitude with 20 loaves, 2 Kings c. 4.

29 *Elisba* cures *Naaman's* leprosie by the waters of *Jordan*, and smites his greedy servant *Gehazi* with the same disease, 2 Kings c. 5.

30 *Elisba* makes iron swim, discloses the cabinet-counsel of the king of *Syria*, and blinds his army, 2 Kings c. 6.

31 King *Azariah* smitten in the fore-

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forehead with leprosie for invading the Priests office, 2 *Chron.* c. 26. 16, 23.

32 Incredible plenty by *Elisba's* prophecy upon a sore famine, and *Hazael's* treason and cruelty foretold, 2 *Kings* c. 7, and c. 8. and *Josiah's* three victories over the *Syrians* predicted, 2 *Kings* c. 13, 14, 19.

23 Proud *Sennacherib's* great army destroyed in a night, according to *Isaiah's* prophecy, 2 *Kings* c. 19. 35, 37. *Hist. Herodoti.*

34 *Hezekiah* is cured by *Isaia's* prophecy and a lump of figs, the Sun also then going back ten degrees, 2 *Kings* c. 20. 1, 11. *Isaiah* c. 38.

35 *Shadrach, Mesech* and *Abednego* saved in the fiery furnace, and *Daniel* in the lions den, *Dan.* c. 3, and c. 6. and profane *Belshazzar* scared with a prodigious hand-writing, *Dan.* c. 5.

36 *Jonah's* deliverance from the fishes belly, and his gourd, *Jonah* c. 2. and c. 4.

OCCASIONAL
LESSONS.

CHAP. VI.

I.

S*ickness.* Psalms 39. 6. 22. 38. 69. 7.
Isaiah 38. *Jonah* 2. And the Vi-
sitation of the Sick, and the Burial of
the dead, and CHAP. XIV, &c. of
this book.

II.

Recovery. Psalms 30. 107. 116, 22.

III.

Afflictions. Psalms 25. 34. 14. and
Lament. of *Jeremiah*.

IV.

Deliverance. Psalms 40. 107. 118.
28. 34.

V.

Repentance. The seven penitential
Psalms,

Out of holy Scripture.

Psalms, viz. 6. 32. 38. 51. 102. 130. 143.
And also Psalms 3. 63. 88. and 103.
The Litany. The Communion. The
Service for Ashwednesday, and the
holy week before Easter. The last
Prayer in the Visitation of the sick;
And CHAP. XV. of this book.

VI.

Petitions for pardon and peace of Conscience. Psalms 103. 32. 43. 63.

VII.

Petitions for grace, with vows of holy living. Psalms 25, 26. 50.

VIII.

Faith and entire hope in God. Psalms
23. 27. 16. 31. 62. Habak. v. 17, 18.
19. Heb. 11, and 12.

IX.

Happiness of the pious, and misery of the ungodly. Psalms 1. 11. 37. 52. 112.
24. 34. 73.

X.

Praises of God for his creation and providence. Psalms 103, 104. 135. 145,

Occasional Lessons.

146. 136. 147. 107. 113. 8. 5. 19. 65.
66, 67. 74. 33. 36.

XI.

*Praises of God for his salvation and
wonderful works.* Psalms 105, 106. Acts
7. Deut. 32. Exod. 15.

XII.

Church. Psalms 46, 47, 48.

XIII.

King. Psalms 20, 21. 61. 72.

XIV.

Publick peace, plenty and health. Psal.
144.

XV.

Wars and tumults. Psalms 25. 64.
59. 3.

XVI.

Victory. Psalms 144. 124. Exod. 15.

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GOING TO, OR FROM
THE
CHURCH.

CHAP. VII.

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I. *Going into Church.*

Sunday.

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LOrd, I love the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth, *Psal.* 26. 8.

One day in thy Courts is better than a thousand, *Psal.* 84. 10.

Lord most Merciful, hear me in the house of Prayer.

Munday.

I now enter the Church, as I would Heaven it self; with all reverence of the Majesty Eternal, which
fills

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fills Heaven and Earth: with utmost affection and intention to my bounden duty and most honourable service: with faith and hope in the Almighty and most Gracious Creatour and Preserver of all things: with full purpose of Holy living: and also with great joy for the fellowship of all blessed Men, and of all blessed Angels in my devotion.

Tuesday.

How amiable are thy dwellings,
O Lord God of Hosts? My soul hath
a desire and a longing to enter into
thy courts. *Psal.* 84. 1, 2.

My heart and my flesh rejoyceth
in thee, O merciful God. Amen.

Lord, let me by faith behold thee
in thy Sanctuary; and there see thy
power and glory, and there find thy
favour and remission. Amen.

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Wednesday.

Send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness, *Psal.* 84. 4.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee. Amen. *Psal.* 84. 4.

In the multitude of his Mercies we will go into his tabernacle, and fall low on our knees before his footstool. For the Lord our God is holy, *Psal.* 99. 9.

Thursday.

I will take heed to my feet, and to the motions of my heart, now I go into the house of God; and not dare to carry wrath, or lust, or dishonesty, or intemperance in thither.

We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

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O Let us magnify the Lord our God together. Glory and Worship are before him : Power and Honour are in his Sanctuary. Ascribe unto the Lord the Honour due unto his Name, and worship him in the beauty of Holiness. Yea let the whole world stand in awe of him. Amen.

Friday.

I will wash my hands in innocency, and so will I go to thine altar, that I may shew the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

[For ever blessed be God, who hath made me a Priest in his Church, and perpetually engaged me to his House, and to his Sacraments, and to the study and example of Piety.]

Saturday.

I was glad, when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the Lord,

Going out of Church.

Lord, to give thanks to the Name of our God.

O Pray for the peace of the Church : they shall prosper that love thee. Amen. *Psal.* 122. 1. 4, 6.

Open me the gates of righteousness that I may go in unto them, and praise the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter into it. *Psal.* 118. 10, 20.

II. Going out of the Church.

Sunday.

Blessed be God for his Grace.

Munday.

Be it unto us all, most gracious Saviour, according to our faith.

Tuesday.

We have thought of thy loving kindness in the midst of thy temple.

This God is our God for ever and
ever:

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ever: and he will be our guide unto death. Amen for Jesus his sake.

Wednesday.

Look down, O God of mercies, upon me and these my brethren, who have kneeled unto thee. Accept our zeal and devotion, and ever prosper us from thy holy place, Christ being our Mediatour. Amen.

Thursday.

Thy word is the truth, O Blessed Jesus: Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Hallelujah.

Friday.

O when shall I come again and appear before the presence of the living God? either in thy temple, amongst thy faithful people, or else

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(O blessed hour) at thy holy seat in heaven?

Saturday.

O Lord God Almighty, who knowest the hearts of all the children of men, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, have respect unto the sincere and humble and united supplications of thy servants, when they pray unto thee in the church: and when thou hearest forgive, and maintain our right and peace: and teach us the good way, wherein we should walk; that we may fear thee all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *1 Kings c. 8.*

OCCASIONAL REFLECTIONS.

CHAP. VIII.

I. *Reading.*

O Wisdom and Love Eternal, instruct and bless me. *Amen.*

II. *Doubts and Cases of Conscience.*

If I forego my Profit and my Pleasure; if I take up thy Cross as well as thy Name, O holy Jesus, I shall easily resolve my Scruples of Conscience.

III. *Distraction and dulness at Prayer.*

The Lord is here, the Lord is here :
yea I have invoked him. I dare not
tempt the Almighty. Will God re-
gard my Prayer, when I regard it
not my self?

IV. *Vain.*

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IV. Vain Objects.

Turn away mine eyes, O Lord,
that they behold not Vanity: and
convert my Heart to thy Command-
ments, for Christ his sake. *Amen.*

V. Temptation to sin.

How can I do this wickedness, and
sin against my God?

VI. Great danger.

For Jesus his sake save thy servant,
O Lord, who putteth his trust in
thee. *Amen.*

VII. Losses.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath
taken away: Blessed be the Name
of the Lord, now and for ever.
Amen.

VIII. Suffering for Righteousness sake.

The light Afflictions of this Life
work for us an Eternal Weight of
Glory, while we look not on the
things, that are seen and Temporal,
but after the Invisible and Eter-
nal.

Occasional Reflections.

IX. Dressing.

I desire, I delight to put on, as the Elect of God, and Baptized into Christ, the Armour of Light, Love, Righteousness, Meekness, Mercy; and the rest of the Vertues of the Lord Jesus.

X. Washing.

Wash me thoroughly, O Lord, from mine Iniquity, and cleanse me from my Sin, as once thou didst at my Baptism. I am ready for the meanest offices of Charity and Humanity, since the Lord of Glory washt his Disciples Feet. I will lift up pure and innocent hands to GOD most Holy, that dwelleth in the Heavens.
Amen.

XI. Candle-tinding.

Bring us all, O God, to the Light Everlasting, for Christ his sake.
Amen.

XII. Undressing.

I have put off the old Man with all his evil deeds; I am ready also to be
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be unclothed of this mortal flesh,
when and where and how thou
pleasest, O Almighty Creatour, O
most Faithful Preserver of Men.

XIII. Medicine.

Blessed Jesus, who during thy
three years Preaching, didst very
often heal both the Bodies and Souls
of thy Lowly and Believing Suppli-
cants, Bless this Medicine to the Re-
lief of thy devoted Servant. *Amen.*

XVI. Age.

Cast me not away in the time of
Old Age: O Lord forsake me not,
when my strength faileth me. The
hoary head is a crown of glory, espe-
cially if it be found in the way of
Righteousness.

XV. Journeying.

O God, the God of *Abraham*, the
Fear of *Isaac*, and the Mighty One
of *Jacob*, the Defence and direction
of the *Israelites* in the Wilderness,
and the light of the wise Gentiles in
their travel towards the infant Jesus,

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O Gracious Creatour and Preserver of men, Guide me, Guard me, and succeed and bless me in this Journey, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XVI. Passing by a Church.

O let the heart of them rejoyce. that seek the Lord, Amen for Christ's sake.

XVII. Mortality.

With faith and humility I will wait till my change cometh. Behold man is a thing of nought. Blessed be our merciful Father for this space of repentance and renovation.

XVIII. Executions.

O Crucified Saviour have pity on thy relenting servants: and remember them in thy Kingdom. Amen. Bloud-thirsty and deceitful men live not out half their days.

XIX. Conflagration.

O deliver us all from the unquenchable fire, and the never-dying worm, most merciful Lord. Amen.

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XX. Inundation.

The Lord sitteth above the water-flood, the Lord remaineth a King for ever: the Lord ruleth the raging of the sea, and the madness of the people: the Lord drowned the old world for their impiety and debauch, and hath reserved this for fire. Just and righteous are thy judgements.

XXI. Earthquake.

I seek a City that hath foundations, a Kingdom that cannot be moved. Preserve us evermore from the crime and punishment of *Corah*: deliver us, Good Lord, from sudden death.

XXII. Thunder and Tempest.

The voice of the Lord is a glorious voice, and the rest of *Psal.* 29.

XXIII. Rain.

God hath not left himself without witness, both to Jews and Gentiles, giving us rains and fruitful seasons, and filling our hearts with gladness.

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XXIV. Sun-shine.

This one lamp illustrates and beautifies, moves and quickens the whole world. How great then is the power, how bright the glory of the Creator !

XXV. Star-light.

Such is the footstool of the great King.

XXVI. Clock-striking.

So much nearer Eternity. The next minute, and all my remaining time, I entirely dedicate to thy glory, O Lord most merciful. That past hour, and so many years of my evil life, will never return again, but must all be accounted for at Christ's tribunal.

XXVII. Hospital or Prison.

I was in prison, saith our gracious Saviour, and ye visited me : naked and ye cloathed me. Come therefore, ye blessed of my Father, receive the Kingdom prepared for you.

XXVIII.

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XXVIII. Deformity.

Nothing is so monstrous and deformed to the Divine eye, as a proud and impenitent sinner.

XXIX. Fair sight.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive the good things, which God hath prepared for them that love and serve him.

XXX. Rare piece of Art.

Lord, how excellent is the reason thou hast given us ! What cannot wit and diligence effect, be the matter secular or sacred ?

XXXI. Singing-birds, hunting-dogs, variety of nests, &c.

Blessed be God for the docility and sagacity of the beasts that perish : which condemn dull and sensual men.

XXXII. Passing by the blind, deaf, lame, foolish, or ragged.

Blessed be thy name, O Father Eternal, for the sight, the hearing,

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the limbs, the reason, and the goods thou hast given and preserved to me : make them all, I earnestly beseech thee, the instruments of thy glory and of my salvation, through Jesus Christ, Amen. I heartily pity these my Brethren.

XXXIII.

In the midst of my business and study, I will often use such brief Lauds and Prayers as these : God is all : Blessed be God. Lord help me. Lord have mercy upon me. Hallelujah. Eternity hastens. I trust in the living God. Blessed be God my Saviour. I adore the Father Eternal. The Lord is my strength and my worship. I am a vile sinner. All is weak and vain on this side Heaven. Deliver me, O Lord, from the Tempter. I am a Christian. [I am a Priest, oh Favour, oh Duty !] God is here.

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When my Affairs will permit.

CHAP. IX.

I. *Sunday.*

Blessed be the Almighty, most Holy, most Gracious and Glorious Trinity, now and for evermore. Thou, O Lord, art my Defender: thou art my Worship, and the Lifter up of my Head. I laid me down and slept, and rose up again: for the Lord sustained me. *Psal.* 3. 3, 5. O Lord our Governour, how excellent is thy Name in all the World? *Psal.* 8.
Thou

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Thou openest the eyes of the Creation every Morning. Hallelujah.

Defend thy Servant this day, and lead me, O God, in the Way Everlasting: for unto thee do I lift up my Soul. *Psal. 143. 8, 9*

O Father Eternal, who causedst the Light to shine out of Darkness on the first day of the World, shine also into this heart with the Glorious Light of Divine Knowledge, by Jesus Christ. *Amen. 2 Cor. 4. 6.*

Or, I will stand up, and Bless the Lord our GOD for ever and ever. And blessed be thy Glorious Name, which is exalted above all Blessing and Praise. Thou, even thou art Lord alone: Thou hast made Heaven, the heaven of heavens with all their hosts, the earth, and all things that are therein, the Sea and all that is therein: the Angels and all the invisible world. And thou preservest them all; and the host of Heaven worshippeth thee. *Nehem. 9. 5, 6.*
And

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And at thy Footstool thy poor and unworthy servant falleth down, and Adoreth thee with humble Awe and Devotion, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Day is thine, the Night is thine: Eternity is thine, and I am thine, O Holy Father. Thou hast lightned mine eyes, that I should not sleep in death: wherefore with this new Body, Soul and Spirit, I thank thee, I worship thee.

O Grant me the Light everlasting: For in thy presence there is Light, and at thy right-hand is Joy, at thy right-hand is my dear Saviour and Advocate for evermore.

The Lord is risen, the Lord is risen indeed. *Luke 24. 34.* Raise me likewise, most gracious Father, this day to a new and heavenly Life. I seek, I affect the things that are above, that are Eternal. *Rom. 6. 5.* I open my breast this morning to the Gifts and Graces of the Holy Ghost, who
once

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once miraculously inflamed the heads and hearts of the Blessed Apostles, *Acts* c. 2. and also abides a certain and powerful Helper and Comforter, and Patron to all the Meek and Faithful unto the worlds end.

Or, Blessed Jesus, very God of very God, by whom all things were made, thou didst take upon thee this Nature, which I and my consorts in humanity have so grievously abused, and didst endure the shame and torment of a crucifixion, without *Jerusalem*, between two thieves, for the Remission of the Sins of the world, and the Saving this poor soul; I believe, I adore this unconceivable Condescension, this strange and God-like Charity. And I now most humbly acknowledge and confess, that all my Duty, Zeal and Service, in respect of this thy Love and Passion, is very vileness and ingratitude. Wherefore renouncing the works of Satan, and the vanities of the world, I will for
ever

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ever obey thee, worship thee, thank thee. O help me by thy Grace, Blessed Redeemer, and hold up my goings in the paths, that my footsteps slip not. *Amen.*

II. Munday.

Most Holy and most Merciful Father, to whom all things in Heaven and Earth do bowe and obey, with utmost Reverence I adore thy divine Majesty, thy eternal and infinite Perfection: and rendring my humble and early Thanks to thee, for restoring to me, this Morning, my Senses and Reason and Vigour; I again submit and dedicate both my Soul and Body, with all their Powers and Actions, to thy Holy Will and Pleasure; desiring and fully purposing to serve thee faithfully this day, and all the days of my life, by the Grace of thy holy Spirit, and through the Merits and Intercession of Jesus Christ

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Christ thy beloved Son and my most blessed Saviour. *Amen.* Teach me thy way, O God, and I will walk in thy Truth. Unite my Heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name. *Psal.* 86. 11.

Or, By thy great Goodness, O Lord, I here present my self unto thee, as a living, reasonable, and bounden Sacrifice and perpetual Devote. *Rom.* 12. 1. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep me and mine this day without Sin and without Peril, Amen for Christ his sake. I look for the Lord, my soul doth wait for him. I lift up my heart to the Lord. It is meet and right and our bounden duty, it is our greatest honour and glory, that we, that I above all living, should at all times, and in all places, give Thanks unto thee, and Praise and Bless and Adore thee, Heavenly Father, Lord God Almighty, my Creatour, Saviour and Defender. Wherefore with Thousands, and
Thou-

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Thousands of Thousands of glorious and innocent Angels, Arch-angels, Thrones and Dominions, with Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Benefactors, and all Blessed Souls, and with all the Faithful upon Earth, of every Kindred, People and Language, I fall down and worship, and Laud and Magnify thy Holy Name, evermore praising thee, and saying; Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and Earth are full of the Majesty of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen. Regard, O Eternal, the Devotion and Accent of thy humble Creature, made lower and courser than the Angels, of a tainted life, inhabiting the dust, and now trembling by reason of his offences and guilt.

By thy Word, O Lord, were the Heavens made, and all the Host of them by the breath of thy mouth. Thou layest the beams of thy chambers in the waters, and makest the clouds

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clouds thy chariots, and walkest upon the wings of the wind. Praise him all ye Heavens, and ye Waters which are within the Heavens: hail and snow, clouds and storm, thunder and lightning, fulfilling his Word. *Psal.* 33. and 140, and 19.

III. Tuesday.

O Lord, thou art my God: early will I seek thee. O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the Morning: for in thee is my trust. Lift now up, O Lord, the light of thy countenance upon thy Servant, and be my support all the day long, for the sake of the Dearest Jesus. Amen. There is no true peace but in thy favour through well-doing; wherefore my awakened soul fleeth first unto thee, O Lord: O Lord, receive me.

I humbly and constantly beg of thee, Almighty and most benign Father,

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Father, a sound mind and body, a devout heart, an honest, humble, meek and charitable Disposition, an innocent and peaceable Life, a good Name, an inoffensive Old Age, a serene and Christian Death, and a blessed Immortality, resigning my Life wholly to thy holy Will and Pleasure, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

With faithful and blessed men of all ages, with the never-ceasing Seraphims, and with the voices of the heavenly multitude, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thundrings, I close in now with all ardor and cheerfulness, saying: Hallelujah, Glory and Honour, Salvation and Power unto the Lord our God. Let us rejoyce and be glad, and with open and elevated hands and hearts give honour unto him. For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth in Righteousness and

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Mercy world without end. Amen.
Rev. c. 19.

Or, Let us watch and be sober, as children of the light and of the day, always looking to Jesus the Author of our Faith, the Rule of our Life, and the Pledge of our Glory. Amen. O Lord be gracious to me and all mine. We have waited for thee. For thou art our Arm every morning, and our Salvation in the time of Trouble. *Isaiah 33. 2.* Gracious God, I am not worthy of the least of all thy Mercies, and the Truth thou hast shewn unto thy servant. *Gen. 31. 10.*

Let them praise the Lord, that go down to the sea in ships, and trade in mighty waters. Yea, let all the earth fear the Lord, and stand in awe of him all ye that dwell in the world; who gathered the water together on an heap, and laid up the deep as in a treasure-house: who made the dry land to appear out of con-

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confusion, and commanded it to bring forth herbs and trees for the use of man and beast. Hallelujah.

IV. Wednesday.

O Thou that hearest Prayer, to thee shall all flesh come. *Psal.* 65. 3. In the morning thou shalt hear my voice: In the morning I will stand before thee, and will look up and wait for thy favour. The glorious Majesty of the Lord be upon me and all mine. Prosper thou the works of our hands: O direct and prosper thou our handy-work, *Psal.* 90. 17. The Lord is a light and defence. The Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing will he with-hold from them that lead a godly life. O Lord God of hosts, blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee. *Psal.* 84. 12, 13.

Lord pardon all my sins, confirm
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me in piety : bless me in my lawful calling : keep my soul and body from all evil, and fit me for Eternity, for the immense merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Advocate. Amen.

O Lord our Governour, when I consider the Sun and Moon and Stars, those vast and glorious Lights which thou hast created, and that thou canst create ten thousand worlds more, what is Man, that mite upon this Globe, that thou art mindful of him, and visitest him every morning. Thou, O Jesus, art the true and eternal Light, the Sun of Righteousness, that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. Oh quicken and irradiate my heart. Amen.

Or, How dear are thy Counsels, thy Mercies to me, O God? how great is the sum of them? They are more in number than the sand: they are new every minute. When I awake I am always with thee, thanking and praising and adoring thy

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thy Majesty, who continually keep-
est the world from returning to no-
thing, from whence thou first madest
it. Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O
thou that dwellest in the heavens,
with the affection and reverence of
a child, with the fear and solicitude
of a servant. *Psal.* 123. 1, 2. Holy,
holy, holy, Lord God Omnipotent,
which was, and is, and is to come,
glory and honour and worship be to
thee, world without end, Amen.
Rev. 4. 8.

Keep thy servant by thy grace, O
Lord, that Hypocrisy, Pride, Envy,
Anger, Gluttony, Covetousness, or
Sloth, or any other grievous sin may
never have the dominion over me,
and become habitual and customary
to me: and ever keep me, O Lord
most holy, from Fornication, Drun-
kenness, Theft and Dishonesty, Idola-
try, Manlaughter, Cursing, Swearing
and Lying, Extortion and Oppression,
and all other scandalous and heinous

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actions and practices. But ingraft in my heart the contrary fruits of thy holy Spirit, Piety, Humility and Mildness, Faithfulness and Honesty, Modesty, Temperance and Chastity, Content and Quietness, Compassion, Charity and Liberality, Prudence, Care and Diligence: and let this be my habit, my custom and my life, for Jesus Christ his sake. Amen.

V. Thursday.

THE Lord is my strength and my praise. There is none holy as the Lord; neither is there any rock like our God. The Lord killeth and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the bed and to the grave, and bringeth up. He keepeth the feet of his saints, and exalteth the horn of his anointed. Hallelujah. My heart rejoiceth in his salvation. *1 Sam. c. 2.* Thou art my hope in the land of the liv-

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living : thou art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that dwell in broad sea : yea, thou, O God, art my hope and joy to all eternity. Amen. *Psal.* 141. 4. The Providence of the Father almighty guide me, the Wisdom of his eternal Son enlighten me, and the Power of his holy Spirit quicken me. Amen.

What now shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits ; for my Birth, my Education, my Baptism, Catechism and Confirmation ? What for the blessed Eucharist, for the Sermons and the Prayers of this Church ? What for Sundry Deliverances and special Blessings through so many years of living ? Yea, what shall I render unto thee, holy JESUS, for thy expiatory Blood, for thy grand Example ? for the Mission of the Holy Ghost with various and unexpressible Grace ? and for the reserve of everlasting Blessedness, O Lord, what shall I render unto thee ?

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Take, O take again, most merciful Lord, these Gifts, together with this Soul and Body and their abilities, which I now kneeling humbly and faithfully offer to thy ever-adored Divinity. O despise not, but take again the works of thy own hands, and receive all into the bosom of perpetual happiness. Amen. Hallelujah.

Or, Is not this to be my last day, and then Eternity? O prepare me for thy self, holy J E S U S. I know not the day nor the hour of thy Judgment. *Matth. 24. 30.* Or receive to thee in peace, or visit this dearly purchased soul, this piece of Immortality drencht in thy Blood. Yea come quickly Lord Jesus. Amen.

I will magnify thee, O God my King, and praise thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I give thanks to thee, and bless thy name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised. There is no end of his Greatness, no end of his Mercy.

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Mercy. Hallelujah. *Ps.* 145. 1, 23. &c.

Grant me I humbly beseech thee,
Almighty and most merciful Father,
a quiet Mind and a sound Body, a
good Report, and a liberal Conversation,
in all Piety, Prudence, Charity,
Honesty and Chastity, and at last
(if I may not be a Martyr for thy
Truth) grant me a mild Death and
happy Immortality, for Christ Jesus
his sake, the Source of all Blessings, as
well visible and secular, as invisible, in-
conceivable, and everlasting. Amen:

Christ is ascended up on High,
hath led captivity captive, and gi-
ven gifts unto men, that God might
dwell amongst us. Set up thy self,
O JESUS, above all the Heavens,
and thy Glory above the Earth. I
now worship thee with all humility
and affection, as thy Apostles did,
when thou departedst from mount
Olivet to the Joy of super-celestial
Glory.

The fowls of the air are thine, O
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bountiful Creatour, and the fishes of the Sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the Sea, and thou feedest them, and multiplieth them. Wherefore I will seek the kingdom of God before food and raiment. For our Heavenly Father knoweth that we have need of these things. *Matt. 6. 25.*

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I Awakt and lookt up, and my sleep was sweet unto me. Blessed be the Lord our God, the God of our Fathers, who satisfieth the weary Soul, and replenisheth every sorrowful heart: who converteth the shadow of death into the Morning, and daily renews the face of the Earth: and maketh the evening and the morning alternately to praise him, *Jer. 31. 25, 26. Psal. 104. 30, and 65. 9.* Who holdeth our Soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip: who ruleth with his power for ever. Hal-
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lelujah. On this day, O crucified Saviour, have mercy on me and all mankind. Amen.

I will walk this day, God being my helper, soberly, chastly, decently, humbly, and in diligence and content, as a child of light and of God. Sufficient to the day is the evil and trouble of it. I fully trust in the perpetual Grace of my heavenly Father through his eternal Son. Amen.

Or, I have remember'd thy Name, O Lord, in the night, and have kept thy law. *Psal.* 119. 55.

Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord, who made Heaven and Earth. *Psal.* 124. 8. O Lord, God of hosts, blessed is the man who putteth his trust in thee: yea blessed is the man to whom thou imputeest no sin. *Psal.* 84. 13.

All the world doth worship thee, sing of thee, and praise thy Name; which is great, wonderful, gracious and holy. Hallelujah. Praise the Lord,
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O my Soul. O Father Eternal, Almighty God, Lord and Possessor of infinite perfection, majesty and mercy, Maker and Upholder of all things visible and invisible! O Blessed Jesus, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who hast loved us and died on the cross for us! O most Holy Spirit, founder and fountain of light and knowledge, of virtue and grace, of life, peace, and bliss everlasting! with utmost humility, intention of mind and affection, I adore and glorify thee. All power and riches and wisdom and salvation and glory and honour and blessing, be to the eternal Trinity now and for ever. Amen. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna.

I bless thee, O Lord, Almighty, that thou hast made the world out of nothing, and created me and all mankind after thy own image, and hast set us over the works of thy hands, and given thy holy Angels charge of us, to keep us in all thy ways:

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ways: and that after the early loss of Paradise, &c. many and late transgressions and presumptions, thou yet openest the door of repentance and life to us all, allowing us all means of emendation and conversion, the admirable treasure of the divine Scriptures, the wonderful benefits of the Holy Sacraments, innumerable patterns of good living and dying, and together with all the comforts of this visible world, rejoyce and honour with this hope of everlasting felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

VII. Saturday.

THE heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handy-work. One day telleth another, and one night certifieth another of the great power and bounty of the Creatour, blessed for ever. There is neither speech nor language, but their voices are heard
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amongst them. Their sound is gone out to all lands, and their words to the worlds end. *Psal. 19.* The Lord giveth food to all flesh, and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him. The Lord cloatheth the grafs of the field, and bringeth forth herbs for the use of Man and Beast. The Lord helpeth them to right that suffer wrong, and looseth men out of prison. The Lord giveth sight to the blind and to the seeing. The Lord helpeth them that are fallen, and raiseth the dead. He cureth the broken-hearted, and giveth medicine to heal the sick. The Lord careth for the righteous and humble, but scorneth and debaseth the proud. The Lord is nigh unto all that call upon him, that call upon him faithfully. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, and let all the world, above and below, give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever. Amen.

Tread firmly, O disciple of Christ,
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in the footsteps of thy meek and holy master : for these lead still upwards, unto super-celestial and endless glory.

Interpose, O blessed Jesus, thy passions, cross and death, between thy Divine Justice and this poor Soul, both now and in the hour of Death, and in the day of Judgment. Grant, O Lord, to the living, Mercy and Grace ; to the faithful departed a joyful Resurrection. To thy Catholick Church peace and concord, truth and righteousness: and to me and all sinners, repentance and pardon, and life everlasting. Amen.

Or, By thy bloody Sweat, thy Thorny Crown and Scourges, thy pierced Hands and Feet, the fountain of Bloud and Water opened in thy precious side, by thy dying groans and acclamations, thy prayers and benedictions; be merciful unto me a vile sinner, spare me, and bless me, O my crucified Love. Amen.

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CHAP. X.

I. *Sunday.*

I Will lay me down in peace, and
take my rest: for it is thou Lord
only that makest me dwell in safety.
Psal. 4: 9. Whom have I in heaven
but thee, O Lord? and what is there
on earth, that I desire in comparison
of thee? Thou art about my path
and my bed, and spiest out all my
ways. *Psal.* 139. 2. Have mercy up-
on me and all mine this night, O blef-
sed Jesus, who didst die and revive
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for us; that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with thee. Hallelujah. 1 *Theff.* 5. 10.

Or, From morning to night I will bless the Lord. Now to him who is able to keep me and all his servants from falling, and to present us at length pardoned and faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding great joy; to the only wise God, our Saviour and Defender, be glory and majesty, dominion, power and praise, both now and for ever. Amen.

My trust is in the tender mercy of God for ever and ever. *Psalms* 52. 9. Let me and all mine, yea let me and all thine, O holy Father, now sleep in peace, and wake in Christ, begin the next return of reason with heavenly Meditation. Amen.

Or, To God's gracious Protection I most humbly commit my self, my family and friends, and all the faithful and all the afflicted. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make
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his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace both now and evermore. Amen, by the merits and intercession of Jesus our only Saviour and Advocate. BENEDICTIO.

II. Munday.

IN the Name of God I will lay me down to rest. The almighty Lord be now and evermore my Defence against all perils both of Sleep and Death. Amen for Jesus his sake.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive Glory, Honour and Power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy Wills sake they were created and are preserved. Blessed be thy Name world without end. Amen.

Or,

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Or,

Great Ruler of the day and night,
Upon our darkness cast thy Light :
With safe and kind Repose allay
The Care and Trouble of the day ;
That when thou shalt uncloset my eyes,
Healthful and pure I may arise,
Fit for the morning Sacrifice.

Or, O praise the Lord ye Angels
of his that excel in strength, that
are always waking and always a-
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III. *Tuesday.*

THis night, and the days and nights of my appointed time, defend, O Lord, protect, spare, deliver and bless thy servant, who putteth his trust in thee, through Jesus Christ. Amen. I will remember thee upon my bed; and think upon thee, when I am waking. Because thou hast been my helper, therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice; my Soul hangeth upon thee, and thy right-hand upholdeth me. Thy loving Kindness is better than life, better than all the glories and pleasures of the whole world. Let me now rest, O benign Saviour, where thy beloved Disciple did: that my sleep may be sweet; that my dreaming may be of thee, of thy Redemption and of thy glorious Mansions.

Or, My flesh shall rest in hope,
that

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that thou, Lord, wilt raise me both from the Bed and from the Grave, and wilt shew me the paths of Life, both temporal and eternal, for the sake of thy well-beloved Son, whom thou sufferedst to die for the world, but not to see corruption. Amen. Just and Righteous are thy ways, O Lord: who will not fear and serve thee? Let us rejoyce and be exceeding glad and secure: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. *Rev.* 19. 5, 6. Every where and at all times will I think upon my mortal and sinful life, and upon thy continual and great Mercies. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, that I be not confounded, though altogether unworthy of thy eye and regard. In thee only I confide. Amen with great ardor and expectation: O God, leave not my Soul destitute.

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IV. Wednesday.

THE Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
Though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, and sleep is
that valley, I will fear no evil: for
thou art with me; thy rod and thy
staff comfort me. *Psal.* 23. The Lord
hath granted his loving-kindness in
the day time, and in the night sea-
son will I sing of him, and make my
prayer to the God of my life. *Psal.* 42.
10. My soul rejoyceth in the Lord,
and I have put my trust in his holy
Name. *Psal.* 33. 21. Blessed be thou,
Lord God of our Fathers, for ever
and ever. Thine, O Lord, is the
Greatness and the Power and the
Glory and the Victory and the Ma-
jesty. For all that is in Heaven and
Earth is thine: and thou rulest over
all for ever. Amen. *1 Chron.* 29. 10,
11, 13.

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V. Thursday.

EVerlasting Praise and Thanks to thee, most gracious God and Father, for my Life and Reason, Integrity of Body and Soundness of Memory: for my pious and generous Parents: my Education in good Learning and Manners: for my Regeneration by Baptism, and my frequent access to the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ my Saviour: [for my place and order in the Holy and Apostolick Church:] for my competent Estate, Content, Liberty and Quiet: for my power and greater will for Alms-doing: [for my Profession in this place, my good Name and various Friendship; and for whatever I have well done or said throughout my whole life:] for my Relations, and Benefactors: for the divine Forbearance, Clemency and Beneficence, un-

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to this age of my life : for sundry remarkable Deliverances of me and my friends from Diseases , Troubles and Dangers : for innumerable Blessings known and unknown, remember'd or forgotten, spiritual and temporal : most chiefly for the means of Grace of all sorts, and for the hope of immarcessible Glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. O all ye blessed, all ye Righteous , O all the world, behold here the monument of Almighty Mercy. Is not this a brand pluckt out of the burning? *Zach.*
2. 4.

Or, O Holy Father, the thoughts of thy infinite Grace and Mercy, thy continual and almighty Providence, how dear are they unto me ? Thy Redemption , O blessed Jesus, shall now lie next my heart : and in the meditation of thine inestimable Passion, and of thy numberless and everlasting Benefits , will I go to sleep or to die, as it shall seem best to thee,
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my most gracious Lord and Saviour. This night, most Holy, Pure and Eternal Spirit, guard I humbly beseech thee, and possess my soul, whilst the meaner nature lies languid, useless and insensible. Amen.

VI. Friday

THE Lord is my stony rock and my defence; my Saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I will trust: my buckler, the horn also of my Salvation and my refuge. *Psal.* 18. 1. With my soul have I desired thee in the night season, and early in the morning have I sought thee. When I awake by thy empire and pity, let my soul be still with thee, O Lord my God.

Or, And now Lord what is my hope? my hope is even in thee. My help standeth in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. *Psal.* 132. 2.

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From evil Designs and unlawful Desires, from impure and vain Thoughts, from the Illusions and Suggestions of the devil, from inordinate Passions and Disturbances of Body and Mind, good Lord deliver me this night. Amen.

VII. Saturday.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto the name of the Lord most highest. To tell of thy loving-kindness in the morning, and of thy faithfulness every night. *Psal. 92. 1, 2.* Grant thy servant, O Lord, a Christian end of this day and this week and this [declining] mortal life. Amen for Christ Jesus his sake. Bless me also, holy Father, as thou didst this day at the finishing of thy Creation, and sanctify and separate me to thy Service for ever. Amen.

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He that keepeth *Israel*, he that keepeth thee, O Christian, doth neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord himself is thy keeper. The Lord is thy defence on thy right-hand. The Lord preserveth thee from all evil: yea it is even he that keepeth thy soul. Amen, God most holy, most mighty.

Or, Lord Jesus Christ, the cheerful Ray and Glory of the Father immortal, heavenly, holy and happy; being come to the close of this day and the confines of darkness, we laud and magnify the Father, the Son and the holy Spirit of God, thou indeed art worthy to be praised with holy voices, O son of God, giver of life. Therefore the whole world glorifieth thee, and worshippeth thee. Amen.

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I will not give sleep to my eyes, nor slumber to my eye-lids, till I be at peace with all men: till I have sought thy peace, most gracious Father

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ther, which the world cannot give, and have confessed unto thy Majesty the Faults and Omissions of this day, together with the more heinous Sins of my life. Whatever I have devised, said, or done unworthy of my Place, my Age, my Christianity, [and my Priesthood] good Lord, forgive me for the Bowels of Jesus Christ. Amen. And let the grief and trouble of such Confessions henceforth deter me from the like Presumptions, Transgressions, and Neglects, and from their several Causes and Occasions. Amen. Amen.

I will frequently read two or three Verses of the Holy Bible before I go to bed.

Here endeth the Larger Office at Rising and going to Bed.

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WHEN I go not to Church, I will say secretly or in the family, *Te Deum*, or *Nunc dimittis*, and also the Collects for Peace and Grace, and the Collects for all Conditions, and the general Thanksgiving. Our most gracious Father hear both the Church and me : Oh hear them supplicating for me and all well employed and afflicted people. Amen for the alone merits of Christ our Lord.

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I. *At the Offering.*

MOST bountiful Father, I return
Mites for Talents received. I
offer to thee still of thy own. Accept
I pray thee, most gracious Lord, toge-
ther with this small token of my Du-
ty and Gratitude, my Soul and Body
and Action; all which I here humbly
dedicate unto thee at thy Altar: And
also forgive me all my Debts and
Trespases against thy divine Majesty

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for the one Oblation and transcendent Worthiness of thy beloved Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

II. Before the general Confession.

HAVING already, in my retirement, read over the Communion service, and also *Matth. c. 28.* and *1 Cor. 11. 17, &c.* and thereupon leisurely and carefully examined and recollected, as in the presence of the Living God, what I have done, what I have amended or not amended, (O wretched and inconstant creature) since the last Communion and solemn Promise of a correct Life: And having also satisfied, to my power, for all Injuries and Offences done by me against any man: and likewise with hearty Sorrow, Aver-sation and Repentance, implored, at home, God's Pardon for those sins and the rest of my whole life; I now fasting (*Dan. c. 9. 3.*) do
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again beseech the same indulgence with Humility, Intention of Mind, and enlarged Hopes, here in the midst of his devout People, before his Priest, near his holy Altar, and under the regard of glorious angels, saying :

Holy Father, I am prostrate at thy dreadful Tribunal. I humble myself both soul and body before thee : and bowe down my grieved head at thy Footstool, as once my Meek and Dying Saviour did. My God, my God, forsake me not. Look, O heavenly Father, on the Scars and Merits of Jesus. O hear his Mediation, receive his Intercession : and be merciful unto me a sinner, a vile and ungrateful sinner. What I have neglected, what I have ignorantly or wilfully committed against thy Majesty most Holy, most Mighty, and Long-suffering, from my Birth and Baptism unto this moment, by sundry sorts of vain Thoughts and
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irregular Imaginations, by inordinate Desires and Affections, by injurious and corrupt Discourses, and by innumerable evil Actions, Follies and Provocations, for Christ's sake forgive me. Such is my Condition, so many and great my sins and relapses, that unless thy mercy were infinite, I could have no hope, no comfort. I have transgressed beyond all humane pardon, beyond seventy seven times. For the Bowels of the Saviour that were opened on the Cross for me, for thine own immense Goodness which embraceth Heaven and Earth, Holy Father, have mercy upon me and pardon me. Consider my Sorrow and Contrition. Accept, most merciful God, my Tears, my Subjection, my Repentance, my Vows and resolved Amendment. And then speak Peace to my Conscience, through Jesus Christ my only Hope and Redeemer. Amen.

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Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies, and thy loving kindnesſes, which have been ever of old. Oh remember not the ſins and offences of thy ſervants. Spare us all, good Lord; ſpare thy people, whom thou haſt redeemed with the Blood of thy dear Son. Amen. *Pſal.* 25. 5, 6. See CHAP. XVI. of this Book.

III. *At the Abſolution.*

O Lord God almighty, moſt gracious and merciful Father, with all Humility, Faith and Thankfulneſs, I receive and embrace this Abſolution, as pronounced upon my Repentance from the Throne of thy Eternal Glory. Amen. Hallelujah. Amen, Amen.

Here then I have laid down my burden and fear, the ſtain and diſquiet of my life; by name, my Anger, Luſt, Pride, Envy, Covetouſneſs,

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ness, and the rest of my grievous sins, never, never, to take them up again. Blessed be God for this salvation.

Most holy Father, assist and forward the Vows and Resolutions of the meanest of all that serve thee.

Let a man examin himself, and so let him eat, saith *S. Paul*. I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies: I made halt, and prolonged not the time to keep thy commandments, saith king *David*.

I look for the Lord: in his word is my trust: in the Lord's word will I comfort me. *Psal.* 56. 10. My soul longeth for thy salvation. *Psal.* 119. 81. I here humbly wait for the Grace and Benefits of my dying Saviour's Institution and Legacy, for the Precious Treasure of Heaven.

Visit me O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: that I may see the felicity of thy chosen,

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sen, and give Thanks with thine Inheritance.

The Lord pardon me, and every one that prepareth his heart to seek God, the Lord God of his Fathers, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, though he be not cleansed according to the Purification of the Sanctuary; though he fall short of the frame and disposition due to this holy and tremendous Mystery. *2 Chron. c. 30. 18, 19.*

I come to a known Altar. This Sacrament hath often corrected, restored and comforted me. Thy Benediction, holy Father, is always ready, thy hands ever open to the sincere and humble Client: and I now pray for thy wonted Goodness, through Jesus Christ, the sum and substance of this Office.

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IV. At Lift up your Hearts.

YE A I lift up my Eyes and my Heart unto thee, O Eternal, my Mediation, my Desire, my Hope, my Faith, my Affection, my Invention and Design, all my Soul and Strength are now with thee, most High and most Gracious Father. I have past this Altar unto the sublime and pure seat of thy Majesty: which all orders of holy Angels and blessed men ever fear and adore. Let me, O let me there behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. Shew me Jesus and it sufficeth.

Behold, O my Faith, reach and embrace what the Prime Martyr saw at the right-hand and eminence of Eternal Blessedness, the Prince of Peace, the mighty Saviour, the triumphant Jesus, lifting up his glorious and gracious Arms to bless and

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to defend me, the vilest and unworthiest of all living.

Blessed and most loving Saviour, by thine inestimable blood wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin: by the ardor of thy soul towards mankind in the dark hour of thy Passion commiserate me, and rid me of all my evil habits, customs, and practices, I most humbly beseech thee.

Now Lord remember me in thy kingdom, as thou didst the penitent companion of thy cross and dolours: And say to my Soul, This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise; thou shalt by Faith see my Glory, to which from the obedience of the Cross and the humble Grave, the Almighty Father hath exalted me, hath exalted thy nature.

My heart is ready, O Lord, my heart is ready for this sacrifice of Praise and Gratitude. Like as the hart desireth the water brooks, so
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panterh my Soul after thee, O God,
my hope, my refuge, my rest, my
life and my happiness.

O Saviour of the world, who by
thy Cross and precious Blood hast
redeemed us, save us now and help
us, we humbly beseech thee: that
we may all receive these holy and
dreadful mysteries without condem-
nation and ruine, and to our great
consolation and benefit: for the
mortifying all our inordinate pas-
sions, repressing all sinful tempta-
tions and occasions, conquering the
devil, encreasing our hope and faith,
correcting and beautifying our con-
versation, for the abolishing our
guilt, and for the attaining eternal
life. Amen.

Dear Jesus I address to thy ho-
ly Altar with great desire. I come
as near thee, O blessed Redeemer,
as mortality will let me. I come
with a penitent, earnest and open
heart, to praise thee, to adore thee,

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and to kiss by Faith thy wounded feet, as once thy astonisht Disciples did, *Matt.* 28. 9. I behold by Faith the prints of the nails; by Faith I touch the wound in thy side, whence flowed water and blood, my sanctification and my pardon, O fill me with thy influence and vertues, *Luk.* 8. 46. *1 Cor.* 11. 29. Now I apprehend, discern and embrace thy precious body, thy all-saving passion. My Lord and my God, confirm thy word unto thy servants; Blessed are they that see not and have believed.

Merciful Saviour, at this most noble and pious mystery, remove and banish from my mind all worldly cares, all vain imaginations, mean thoughts, errors, and misconceits; Unite, I most humbly beseech thee, the sundry powers and faculties thou hast given me; and point and direct them all unto the instant office. Govern now, O
Lord,

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Lord, and bless my apprehension :
Exalt my faith : enlarge my affecti-
ons and devotion, and then Con-
sign to my Soul thy Remission, Fa-
vour and Approbation, and make
me welcome at thy feast, For thy
flesh is meat indeed, and thy blood
is drink indeed, the sufficient and
only expiation of all human guilt,
O holy Jesus.

An offering of a free heart, will
I give thee and praise thy Name, O
Lord. *Psal.* 54. 6.

The Son of man came to seek and
to save that which was lost, and to
make superabundant amends for the
faults of the first transgressor. *Luk.*
19, 10. *Rom.* 5. 12, &c.

V. At the Consecration.

Holy things for Holy men. St.
Basil.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who fittest
at the right-hand of the Father, and
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art here invisibly with us , sanctify these thy gifts of Bread and Wine and us thy humble servants ; and make us from this institution partakers of pardon and peace and good hope of Eternal life , and all other benefits of thy Incarnation, Passion, Death, Resurrection, Ascension, Intercession, second Advent and Judgement : which we now ponder and contemplate with Reverence and Faith and Joy and Thanksgiving, by the grace and succour of the Holy Ghost , our Patron and Comforter. Amen.

Behold the servant of the Lord, be it unto me according to thy word , in which thou hast caused me to hope.

Holy Jesus, say but the word, and I shall be clean , *Matt. 8. 8.* say but the word, and I shall be meet and ready for thy most Divine gift, for thy self.

By the grace of Jesus Christ,
we

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we all hope to be saved ; to be eternally Happy. Hallelujah. *Acts* 15. 11.

Heavenly Father, Almighty God, who alone workest wonders , Lord most Holy, into a clean, charitable, devout, humble and grateful heart, let me now receive through faith , the pure and blessed Body of my most gracious Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the remission of all my sins, and the attaining everlasting life. Amen, Amen, Amen. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth and this place are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Have mercy upon me , O Lord , thou son of *David*. I know it is not meet to take the childrens bread, and to cast it unto dogs. Yet, Lord, the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters table. *Matth.* 15. 22, 26, 27.

AT
RECEIVING
THE
BREAD.

CHAP. XII.

I.

LORD I am not worthy thou
shouldest come under my roof.
Matth. 8. 8. I fear, I tremble by rea-
son of my sinfulness, and of the un-
supportable Brightness of thy Ma-
jesty, O Saviour and Judge Eter-
nal.

Lord have mercy upon me a most
miserable sinner. Amen.

Blessed

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Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna to the son of *David*. Good will towards men, Peace on Earth. Hosanna in the highest. *Matt. 21. 9.*

Stand open now, O my Soul, stand open ye everlasting doors, and let the King of glory enter in. Let the Lord mighty to save, Jesus the king of glory enter in.

II.

Feed on him by Faith, &c. Amen.
I feed on him, I remember his Sufferings and bloody Sweat, I meditate on his Cross and dying Exclamations. I believe, I most humbly and heartily embrace this invaluable and most miraculous Redemption, this great Mystery of Godliness: God manifested in the flesh, justified in the spirit by divers wonderful works and holy sermons: seen and worshipped by the angels:

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Angels: believed on throughout the World, and received up into Eternal glory. *1 Tim. 3. 16.* Thou art, O Christ, the everlasting Son of God: thou art indeed the Saviour of the world; thou art the king of Glory, *John 1. 49. C. 4. 42. C. 10, 11, 27. Acts 8. 37.*

Surely thou hast born our griefs and carried our sorrows; thou wast wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was laid upon thee, and by thy stripes we are healed. *Isai. 53. 4.* This man receiveth sinners, *Luke 15. 2. Zaccheus, Mary Magdalene,* the crucified thief, the persecuting *Saul*; these and millions of millions more, upon their sorrow, faith and repentance. And let me receive now at this holy Altar, Almighty Saviour, that most blessed sentence: [Son or Daughter,] thy sins, which are many, are forgiven thee; and thy faith hath saved thee;

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thee ; go in peace. *Luke 7. 47, 48, 50. c. 5. 20.*

Go to my brethren (behold the early compassion of the revived Jesus !) and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and to my God and your God. *John 20.*

16. I know that my redeemer liveth, and I shall see him at the latter day, (behold here is the pledge of his coming again :) I shall see him for my self, and I trust to kiss his glorious Feet. I know that immaculate high Priest is entred with the atonement into the holiest.

III.

Lo here is Grace, here infinite goodness and mercy. This is the beauty of holiness, and the glorious presence of the Redeemer : this is the gate of Heaven.

O happy day, the glory of my life. Now I am well, now I live :
now

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now I rejoyce with thee, O triumphant Jesus, O blifs everlasting! my content, my devotion, my affection, my soul is fixt on thee: there let it ever rest. Amen.

The Lord is my strength and my song, and is become my Salvation. This is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes. This is my God and I will glorifie him: the God of my Father and I will exalt him. *Exod. c. 15. 2.*

O let the serious thoughts of thy passion, intercession, kingdom and reward, enter all my actions, and regulate my whole life: which upon such observance, will surely become Pious, Prudent and Cheerful. Amen dearest Jesus.

IV.

Most gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, that we together with all thy Saints, who have pleased thee

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thee from the beginning of the world, may be partakers of those everlasting Blessings which thou hast prepared for all that love thee, and continue faithful unto death, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord now send prosperity. Bless thy people and extol them for ever. Bless now the Queen, the Royal Family, and all in civil office. Inspire and bless the Bishops, Priests and Deacons, who administer thy holy mysteries, and by thy sole command and authority, do absolve and bless and feed thy chosen people. Now sanctify, reward and prosper my kindred and friends, my superiors and benefactors, as, &c. whom at his happy Eucharist and golden hour I commemorate with eulogy, joy and gratitude. If there be any consolation in Christ, any peace in the Divine favour, any happiness and glory in heaven by the throne of Eternity; if any goodness in the Ocean of grace and

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beneficence, Requite them, O God, a Thousand-fold for all their kindness and bounty and affection towards me. Amen, for the infinite deserts of thy beloved Son our Lord. All thanks to thee, O Jesus, king of heaven and earth, for defending and blessing this Apostolick Church, where we now communicate, the most unworthy of all her children.

What shall I render unto the Lord, for all the benefits he hath done unto me, especially for snatching me from the fire of hell, and making me an heir of everlasting happiness in his presence. I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord, and offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving through Jesus Christ. Amen.
Psal. 116. 11, 12, 15.

AT
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CUP.

CHAP. XIII.

I.

A Men. Jesus Master, have mercy on us. *Luke 17. 13.*

Let this Blood purge my Conscience from dead works, to serve thee, the Almighty and most gracious Father, to honour thee, the Ever-living Saviour: and for ever to obey and fear thee, most holy and quickening Spirit. Amen.

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Lord I will serve thee better, I will obey thee. Succour my weakness, pity my infirmity, Dear Lord.

Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I love thee. *John* 21. 17.

What honour hath Almighty God done me, that I should be the vessel of this Divine mystery, and bear within my breast the Lord Jesus. I adore, I give thanks.

II.

Thou art made whole, go and sin no more: no more by anger, lust, excess, fraud, flandering, &c. *John* 8. 11. Our GOD is a consuming fire to the perverse and impenitent. Our GOD is a merciful Father to the humble and relenting Orator.

As is his Majesty, so is his Mercy. *Eccclus. 2. 18.* Both infinite and incomprehensible; both to be acknowledged, admired and adored.

O majesty everlasting, I fear thee,
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I worship thee, I trust in thee;
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let me not, O let me not again
pollute this body and soul, with my
habitual and grievous sins, as *&c.* af-
ter I have received thy body and
blood, O Lord, who hast created
me and redeemed me.

Grant me thy grace, O God, that
I may fulfil the places and offices
thou callest me to in this life. A-
men.

III.

Lord bless these and the rest of my
Brethren, and let us live eternally
together, ever praising and adoring
thee. For by this great and attrac-
tive Sacrament, we all become one
bread, one blood, one soul and con-
sent: have all one faith, one hope,
one heaven, one Lord, the blessed
Lord Jesus, the knot and center of
this most immense and pious fra-
ternity, and eminently one God and
Father of all, who is above all,

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and through all, and in us all, to whom be glory and obedience everlasting. Amen in Heaven, Amen on Earth. From thy own precious Body, O wonderful Saviour! thou feedest and revivest five Thousand, and five Thousand Thousand Millions of thy disciples and followers;

Aeterna tanta est opulentia mensa.

Prudent.

Say O Lord, and thy word is omnipotent, This day Salvation is come unto this house. *Luke 19. 9.*

IV.

The bread of God, is he that came down from heaven, and giveth light to the world. Lord evermore give us of this bread. *John 6. 33, 34.* Thus, thus will we shew forth thy death, O Jesus, till thou comest again: and blessed are those Servants, whom at the end of the world the Lord shall find so doing: yea verily blessed is he that eateth meat in the kingdom of God. *Luke 12.*

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43. c. 14, 15. He that solemnly and faithfully and seriously contemplates my Passion and Philanthropy, and amends his life for that consideration: He that eateth my Flesh and drinketh my Blood, hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. Amen Holy Jesus, who art the Resurrection and the Life. *John* 6. 54, 56.

Master, it is good for us to be here. *Mark* 9. 2. Do not our hearts burn within us, while the Lord opens to us the scriptures, opens to us his precious side.

Full is the satisfaction, inexpressible the joy of those that love thee, O Jesus, angels and men consent, heaven and earth joyn together to praise thee, serve and worship thee: and with these my poor soul, the meanest of all thy creation; Good Lord accept us. I will give thanks unto thee among thy people, and sing praises unto thee among the faithful.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart

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is fixed: For thy mercy is greater then the Heavens, and thy truth reacheth above the clouds. Set up thy self, O Lord, above the Heavens, and thy glory above all the Earth. Thou hast wrought redemption in the midst of the Earth, O Jesus, and vanquisht all the enemies of guilty Mankind, and art seated at the right-hand of the Father, the Lord and worship of Angels. Hosanna in the highest. The right-hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence, the right-hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. The word was made flesh, the beloved Son of God died for us. Let them now that fear the Lord confess, that his mercy endureth for ever.

V.

I will read *John* c. 18. and c. 17. the security and consolation of the Church, and also *Rom.* c. 8. and the hymn, *Come holy Ghost our souls inspire,*

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inspire, &c. In the Ordering of Priests.

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of Godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Most holy spirit, the efficacy and life of this mystery, bless me with these thy gifts and fruits, meekness, modesty, sobriety, prudence, diligence, honesty, fidelity, constancy, charity, kindness, and devotion, from the time of this holy Sacrament. For I have now dedicated and given up entirely my soul, senses, and affections, my will, wit and reason, to the glory and service of Jesus Christ, who died for me. I
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must, I will obey him in all things.
Lord forgive, Lord help me.

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit rejoiceth in God my
Saviour. O how plentiful is thy
goodness, which thou hast laid up
for them that fear thee, and that
thou hast prepared for them that put
their trust in thee. *Psal. 21. 21.*

I am altogether confounded and
swallowed up with the immense
grace of God: I am thoroughly pos-
sessed, glorious Lord, with thy love
and boundless favour to me. I long,
I here endeavour, yet cannot tell how
to express my thankfulness and obe-
dience. My thoughts and contrivance,
and my words and lauds, my acti-
on and zeal cannot do it to any
fitness or content. Lord still excite,
and still direct my gratitude. I would
be as thankful to thee, as humble,
as obedient, as any creature in hea-
ven or earth. Father Almighty
make me so. Amen.

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Now Lord Jesus, who wast expanded on the cross for me, command me what thou wilt. Use me in the hazards and difficulties of thy Church, thy purchase and thy glory. Bid me walk upon the sea, I will obey thee, and thy right-hand shall hold me up. And I will not deny thee in the Court or in the Garden. I am ready to lay down my estate, my liberty, and also my life (would to God it were a clean and entire sacrifice) for Christ's religion, and to be obedient unto the death. Assist and strengthen my mind, O blessed Saviour, by thy grace, thy intercession, thy example. Amen.

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth, (saith the ascending Jesus.) Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe, all things whatsoever I have commanded you:
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And lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world. Amen. *Matth. 28. 18.* The doctrine attested, when needful by sundry miraculous works, the discipline, the sacraments, the preservation, the piety, the zeal, and the patience of thy Catholick Church hath indeed sufficiently demonstrated thy gracious presence, O Saviour. And he lift up his hands and blessed them: and while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to *Jerusalem* with great joy. And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen. *Luke 24. 50.*

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CHAP. XIV.

I.

IT is finished: Blessed Sacrament,
the Bread of Heaven, and the
Cup of Salvation, the Feast of God,
the Taste of Eternal Bliss, and the
Strength, Comfort and Life of my
Soul. This hath united me to all the
Faithful on Earth, and to all the
Blessed in Heaven. This hath joyn-
ed me in Affection and Gratitude,
in Interest and Inheritance unto
thee

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most blessed Jesus, the head and defence, the ruler and Saviour of the Church, the first fruits and security of the Resurrection and Glory and Immortality of this nature.

Now Lord, whether I live or die, I trust I am thine. I verily believe to see the goodness of the Lord in the region of the Blessed, through infinite mercy and indulgence. *Psal. 27. 13.* O keep me ever, Dear Jesus, in this good condition, by constant and cheerful obedience and observance of all Christian duties, by an awful reverence of the Divine Name and Presence: by imitating the best examples living or dead, &c. and most especially by following thy meek and immaculate life, thy pure and heavenly doctrine and admonitions: by caution and frequent meditation: by daily examination and prayers: and by all other

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other means of a pious and innocent life.

O Lord, I thank thee, I bless thee, I glorify thee; because by this Sacrament thou hast confirmed me in the Catholick Faith: in reverence, duty and love to thy Eternal Majesty: in Charity towards all mankind, friends or enemies: in meekness, pity, humility, patience, contentedness, industry, sobriety, chastity, honesty and integrity: And hast thereby given me new and lively hopes of endless felicity, both in Soul and Body, against all the malice and attempts of men or devils, and against the terrors of death and my sinful life past, so great is thy mercy to me, for the merits of Jesus Christ, thy eternal Son, my everlasting Saviour and Advocate, my Lord and King.

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II.

O Stupendious Grace and Piety of the Eternal, that I should be (I fear, I tremble to say it) the work of God's hands, the image of his wisdom and power, the price of Christ's blood, the temple of the holy Ghost, a part of the Catholick and perpetual Church, and an heir of immortal glory. What now ought my life to be, if this be my portion and my priviledge?

Holy Father, let the intercession of Jesus, that poured out his tears and sweat and precious blood for us, be nigh unto the day and night, that thou mayest have mercy upon us, and bless us, and prevent our falling from so great salvation. Amen.

Dearest Saviour, I desire still to reflect and meditate on thy humble life, thy birth, circumcision, presentation

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sentation in the Temple, domestick Obedience, Baptism, Fasting, Temptations, Hunger, Thirst, Uncertain abode, Travels, Watching, Prayers, Sermons, Miracles, Dangers, Abuses, Tortures, Blood-shedding, and review the whole map of thy condescensions, griefs and compassions, from the Manger to the Cross: until I become my self averse, separated, and crucified and dead to the world. Amen.

III.

PRaise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his benefits. Who forgiveth all thy sins, and healeth all thine infirmities: who saveth thy Soul from Destruction and crowneth thee with Mercy and Loving-kindness. The merciful and gracious Lord, hath so done his
I marvel-

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marvellous works of Creation, Providence and Redemption, that they ought to be had in perpetual remembrance. Thou art my God, and I will thank thee; thou art my God, and I will praise thee. All the works of the Lord are verity and judgment. He hath sent redemption unto his people, he hath commanded his covenant for ever. Holy and Reverend is his Name.

Thus long have I lived upon thy bounty; thus, and thus, &c. Hail thou nourished, protected, delivered and advanced me; and now, O Father, thou confirmest to me the expectation of everlasting life in thy Heavenly kingdom. Wherefore I give thanks unto thee with my whole heart.

Glory, Worship, Obedience and Praise to God the Father Almighty and most beneficent, that sitteth on the Eternal Throne; and to the Lamb of God, that taketh away
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the sins of the world, and to the most holy Spirit, the Lord of life and peace, for ever and ever. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious. I have tasted that he is gracious; and his mercy endureth for ever. Hallelujah. Salvation is of the Lord: again Hallelujah.

Blessed be God for his unspeakable gift.

Lord hasten the glory of the General Resurrection. Amen: So come Lord Jesus. Into thy hands, thy pierced hands, O Lord, I commend my Spirit.

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FOR
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AND
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CHAP. XV.

Forgiveness and Charity.

I.

HAVING lately perused CHAP. VI. of this Book, and also received the Holy Communion, in this Apostolick Church, I am the more ready and willing to set my self in order to depart this world, for the
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vision of Christ ; humbly committing the time and manner of my dissolution to the Providence of God, which hath hitherto defended and sustained me.

II.

Wherefore I freely and fully forgive all that have in any sort wronged and injured me, as I desire that God, most just and omniscient, should now for Christ's sake forgive me. Amen.

And I humbly beseech God to forgive them those wrongs and all other their Sins. Amen.

I farther desire that it may be certified to them, namely to, &c. That I do remit and release to them all satisfaction and amends in word or deed ; only entreating their prayers for me, that my humiliation and repentance may be accepted in Heaven.

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Yea I wish I could shew more indulgence and forgiveness towards men, who need and implore so much of God, for my innumerable and most ungrateful offences against his Eternal Majesty.

III.

I likewise humbly and heartily beg pardon and forgiveness of all those whom I have wronged in any manner, particularly of, &c. And do earnestly desire that this my request be signified to them.

Furthermore, forasmuch as slander and fraud, and the like scandalous sins, are not remitted before God without all possible restitution; I am most willing and ready to my utmost power, to restore and repay whatever I have couzened and defrauded, without delay, and without deceit. I am also ready to make reparation of fame and credit, together

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ther with an ingenuous and humble acknowledgment, to all that I have slandered and calumniated, namely to, &c. And accordingly I forthwith take order, that Restitution and Satisfaction be made to them all, to the utmost of my ability: and that their Release and Acquittance for all injuries done to them be obtained, or else most justly and verily presumed, before I adventure to crave the benefit of Absolution.

If I am ashamed of such a Confession and Restitution, I am not ashamed nor afraid to be the everlasting contempt and scorn of the most holy Creatour, and of all that is blessed: I am not ashamed nor affrighted to be the companion of devils and all villanous men that ever liv'd, in darkness, horror and torment. Let no Father, Patron or Master think of bettering the worldly condition of his successors by his own dreadful condemnation, for finally

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concealing and retaining his ill-gotten estate or frauds.

IV.

Moreover with a charitable heart, according to the best of my understanding and enquiry, imploring the assistance of God's Holy Spirit, I have made my Last Will and Testament; disposing the goods and estate God hath given me for his greatest glory: Namely, amongst my Relations, and likewise in a due acknowledgment of sundry precious benefits received by me in this Apostolick Church, of which I hope to continue a part to my lives end, and also for the Poor: Blessing Almighty God for enabling me to give them some relief, and so to lend unto himself his own temporal blessings, to obtain far better riches in heaven. Amen.

I rest upon thy merits and upon
thy

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thy word, O triumphant Saviour:
Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven.
Give, and it shall be given into your
bosom, good measure, pressed down,
shaken together and running over. Luke
c. 6. 37. and c. 11. 9. Amen.

Finally, I have given my Relations and Friends, the best advice and counsel I could, for the good of their never-dying souls, and for their well-living in this World.

V.

Having thus rid my self of all the cares and troubles and concerns of mortality, having now perfectly done with this world, with a clear and humble heart I address my self to thy Grace, Almighty and most merciful God and Father, beseeching thee to instruct, exercise and prepare me for the succeeding glorious and immortal life, to which by the Christian Profession thou
hast

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Thou hast advanced my hope and awful expectation. Hallelujah through the glorified Jesus, Hallelujah to all Eternity. Amen.

But I foresee the passage to this Beatitude to be very Dark and Dismal, full of Thorns and Tears; full of Confessions, Remorse and Contrition, for the many faults of a short life, and also full of disease, and pains and anguish, reaching unto dissolution, insensibility, stench and rottenness. By all thy agonies and experience, help me, O Holy Jesus, through this terror. Amen.

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CHAP. XVI.

See *CHAP. VI. §. 5. and*

CHAP. XI. §. 2.

I. *Confession.*

I Have sinned, O Lord, I have dealt wickedly, I have led an unequal, untoward and polluted life. I have sinned before thee, when ashamed of human view; before thee my Father, my Judge, my Benefactor, my Worship and my God. O absurd and stupid wretch!

In thought, word and deed, with all the powers and abilities thou hast given me, with affection and design have I sinned against thee, most Mighty and most Holy! Ungratefully and basely, grievously and presum-

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sumtuously, particularly, &c. have I sinned: and Lord, how often? secretly and openly: in the chamber, as, &c. and in publick, as, &c. treading upon thy earth, and covered with thy heavens: yea I have sinned in the House of God, and in the midst of my Prayers and Invocations, as, &c.

Is this then the Image of God, is this a Christian, an heir of eternal Life? [This a Priest and Dispenser of the pure Word and Sacraments of the Lord Jesus.] Ah this is nothing but clay and dirt, uncleanness and misery.

II. *Contrition.*

THE soul that is troubled and the spirit that is vexed cryeth unto thee, O Lord.

I Relent, I grieve, I am heartily sorry for this demerit and irritation of thy Divine justice. I am ashamed, I abhor my self. I am
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perfectly weary of this corrupt life.

What shall I do, whither shall I turn? I am ashamed to look up to heaven, that beholds my vile-ness, to heaven which I have abu-sed and despised. I will bowe my self to the earth and the grave, that waits to hide and devour such a wretch. I will smite upon my breast, with the conscious publicane, upon my breast the box and origine of all this mischief. And do thou strike this rock, O holy Jesus, that the waters may freely flow: that my tears may mingle with thy blood; my humble and sincere repentance reach thy propitiation and remission.

Dissolve thou sinful clod, trem-ble thou earth, earth, earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the pre-sence and vindication of the God of *Jacob*, who turned the flint stone into a springing well. I wish for the tears of *David*, pierced with the matter of *Uriah*, the mourning
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of *Jeremiah*, and the dejection of *Mnasseh*.

I recollect and confess in particular unto thee, my more grievous sins (the rest are without number) in the bitterness of my soul. Thus and thus have I done, &c. I give glory to thee as *Achan*; I confess and am confounded at the enormity, and presumption and villanous circumstances of my offences, as, &c.

I hide not my unrighteousness, as *Adam* in the garden, who led the way of sinning and of repentance. I hide not, I cannot hide, but with tears and dread remorse, acknowledge to thy most pure and omniscient Majesty my faults, my follies, yea rather my wilfulness, my hardness, my vices, my criminal and deplorable life. And lo here I judge and reprove and condemn my self at the bottom of thy throne: and yet I am not enough abased. He
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cannot fall too low, whose merit is hell. My deformation and destruction is only from my self, from my perverse and incorrigible self: my Relief and Salvation is from Thee only. Father, thou knowest my sins, and thou knowest my anguish. It is not easy to transgress thy commands, and reflect upon the transgressions. My flesh trembleth for fear of thee: and I am afraid of thy judgments, O Lord. I dread that great day, when the thrones shall be set, the books opened, and my shameful life recited, and all my works of darkness exposed in perfect light. I tremble, lest the blessed Jesus, who shed his blood for my redemption, and hath so earnestly urged and offered me pardon and peace and eternal life, should then condemn me: and the mighty Angels and holy Men of all ages and nations, newly clothed with immortal and illustrious bodies, hiss me from the righteous tribunal,
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and the mouth of hell receive my body and soul into exquisite torments without Light or Pity. My present horror and confusion is great : but what is this to everlasting burnings?

III. Supplication.

Great and gracious God, Father and fountain of mercies, have mercy upon me and spare me. Out of the depths do I cry unto thee. I have depressed my stain'd and miserable Soul to the brink of hell. Out of the depths do I cry unto thee, Father spare me, Father pity me. I am oppressed, I am in great misery: my Soul is exceeding sorrowful as unto Death: *Eli, Eli*, hear me and pardon me. Enter not into judgement with me, who am dust and ashes, sin and weakness: Let not the storm over-whelm me, nor the depth of sorrow swallow me up, nor the sence of thy anger destroy me.

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me. *Psal.* 69. 15. Father I am no more worthy to be called thy Son, or to be reckoned in thy creation. But according to the infinity of thy Mercies, O Lord, do away my iniquity, and blot out my transgressions. *Psal.* 51. 1, 2. My heart faileth me: O Lord make hast to help me. *Psal.* 40. 30.

By thy cries and pains, O Jesus, deliver me from the guilt and burden of my Sins, from the terrors of my wakned conscience, and from the unconceivable torments of hell, By thy wounded head, thy bored hands, thy lanced side, thy pierced feet, thy tortured body and afflicted soul; by all the disgraces and passions of *Gethsemane*, *Gabbatha* and *Golgotha*, save me and deliver me, O Christ, at this hour, and at the hour of death, and in the day of judgment. Amen. Father and Saviour and Comforter; let this bitter cup pass from me, I humbly beseech

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thee. Look upon me, O precious Saviour, Lamb of God, in my sorrow and distress, as once thou didst on *Peter* that denied thee and wept bitterly: Compassionate me as thou didst the sinful *Magdalene*, and as thou didst the penitent Thief, who confessed and believed in the anguish and paroxysm of the Cross. I deserve all their Grievs and ten Thousand Pains and Punishments more. Intercede now for me, Holy Jesus, with thy dying petition, Father forgive them, for they know not what they do. O Lord of glory, I look unto thee, I earnestly look unto thee whom I have pierced: whom not so much *Herod* and *Pontius Pilate* and the *Roman* Souldiers, as sinful and wretched I, have dishonoured, Pierced and Crucified. Lord forgive, Lord save me, or I perish for ever. The Christ of God hide me in thy wounds: By the blood of thy testament revive and release me. I hope

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hope in thy merciful intercession.

For thy Fatherly tenderness, and the numberless blessings already received from thy bountiful hand, and through the passion and mediation of thy beloved Son, and by the unutterable groans and suggestions of thy holy Spirit, pardon and deliver me, Lord God Almighty. Amen.

IV. Resolution.

I Will never adventure more to try and weary the grace and patience of Almighty God, the righteous judge and avenger. I now break off my sins by repentance and resolved amendment. I see what brought me to this shameful and perilous defection: it was this occasion, that invitation, that excess, that eye; this rashness, that supineness. Wherefore I now solemnly Renounce, cast off, and abominate the wicked and wounding practises of my life, as, &c. Together with all

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their inducements, and principles.

From this very hour, and blessed be God who hath granted me this hour, by prayer, temperance, charity, industry, fear and caution in all my actions and enterprises, I fully purpose, and now begin, God helping me of his infinite goodness and pity, to Alter and Reform my life, according to the gospel and example of Jesus Christ my Lord: and also by kindness, charity and alms-doing, I will manifest to the world the sincerity and vigour of my Repentance and Renovation.

V. Petition for Grace.

HOly Father, incline, direct and fortifie my heart to pursue this pious and necessary Resolution, that iniquity be not my ruine. *Ezek. 18. 30.* Thy grace is sufficient for me. Lord soften, bruise, change

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change and reform my soul according to thy own will, according to thy own image, and after the likeness and innocence of *Adam*, when thou first breathest into him life and reason; yea, according to the same temper and purity, I most humbly beseech thee, wherein by thy grace I once ascended from the laver of Regeneration. *Tit. 3. 5.* Amen for Jesus Christ his sake.

Pardon and destroy not: Amend and destroy not, Most merciful Creator, the work of thy own hands, by me presumptuously and shamefully profaned: Destroy not, O blessed Saviour, the purchase of thy precious blood, the decaying part of thy mystical body. Destroy not, O Holy Spirit, the subject of thy regeneration and various bounty. Destroy not, O ever blessed and ever adored Trinity, the humblest and meanest of all that believe and worship thy Majesty. Oh break not this bruised reed.

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Let the wicked forsake his ways , and the unrighteous Man his thoughts : and let him return unto the Lord , and he will have mercy upon him , and to our God , for he will abundantly pardon for Jesus's sake. *Isa. 55. 7.* Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, (alas I feel my transgressions heavy and numberless as the sands of the sea) and I will give you rest, faith the compassionate Saviour.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart : and ye shall find rest for your souls. *Matt. 26. 28, 29.*

This is a faithful saying , and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners ; of whom I am chief, *I the vilest.* 1 Tim. 1. 15. Such gracious sentences of the Holy scriptures are my last hold, are my plank. O Lord, make haste to help me.

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Sickness and Pain.

I Will bear thy indignation, O Lord, till mercy prevaieth against judgment, because I have sinned against thee. *Micah. 7. 9.* Why should I, yet living I complain for the punishment of my sin, for any thing short of unquenchable fire?

Thou knowest whereof we are made. Remember O Lord that I am but dust, a fading flower, and a transient blast: Remember for his sake, who out of infinite condescension and pity bore our nature and our infirmities. Amen. *Psal. 103.*

14, 15, 16.

All my desire is before thee, O Lord, and my groaning is not hid from thee. Turn unto me, O Lord, and deliver my Soul, for thy Mercies sake. Enlighten and cleanse and

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heal and revive thy servant, that
my ways may please thee: that I
may see the goodness of thy chosen,
and rejoyce with thine inheritance.
Amen.

Though the outward Man perish,
(alas I perceive, I feel it perishing)
yet, good Lord, renew the inward
Man day by day: Secure the part
immortal, that which understands
thee, loves thee, praises thee and
now aspires to thy beatifick presence,
for Christ's sake.

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*Hope in God, and Resignation
to his Pleasure.*

*See CHAP. VI. §. 8. of this
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O Wretched creature that I am,
who shall deliver me from
this body of death? *Rom. c. 7. 24.*
The sting of death is sin, and the
strength of sin is the law. But thanks
be to God, who giveth us the victo-
ry through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Cor. 15. 55, 56, 57.

I will run with patience the race
that is set before me, for the crown
of indefectible glory which it leads
to; looking unto a great cloud of
witnesses of godly fortitude and con-
stancy, yea rather looking unto the
meek Jesus, the author and finisher
of

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of our Faith, our Hope, and our Resolution. *Hebr. 12. 1, 2.*

Thee only do I fear, O heavenly Father, and in thee only do I trust. Thy mercy is as ready as thy power: and thy power maketh and maintaineth all things. I will ever hope in thy mercy, through Jesus Christ: for I know no end thereof. Amen.

Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. *Hebr. 12. 6.*

It is good for me that I have been afflicted. I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right: and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled. Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now thy law is my delight and my attention. O let my heart be found in thy statutes, that I be no more ashamed. *Psal. 119. 67. 71. 75. 80.*

Behold here I am, let him do to me, as seemeth good unto him. *2 Sam. 15. 26.*

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O my Father, not as I will, but as thou wilt, for his sake; who for the life of the world once prayed thus unto thee, with great affection, tears and innocence. Amen. *Matth.* 26. 39. My cup is not so bitter: I am not yet come to the cross.

O Lord God of hosts, blessed is the man that confideth in thee. *Psal.* 84. 13.

CHAP. XIX.

The Profession of the Catholick Faith.

I.

AS I have often, God giving me the grace and opportunity, professed and recited the sum of a Christian man's belief, contained in the Apostles Creed and in the Nicene Creed in the Liturgy of the Church;

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So now at my wished departure from this world, I renew the same confession and recognition, desiring that Heaven and Earth might now hear me, as I hope they will at the Happy Day of the Resurrection, cheerfully, thankfully and sincerely declaring:

II.

I *Believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,*
I acknowledge, fear and adore one God, spiritual, invisible, eternal, most Holy, Almighty and Omnipotent, distinguished into three glorious persons, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. I will always own, and to utmost peril assert, the infinite power and justice and mercy of God the Father, who made the world out of nothing, and every moment upholds and governs it by his gracious providence,

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dence, and in this Systeme hath made, sustained, and blessed me by wonderful favour.

And I believe in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son our Lord: who was conceived by the holy Ghost, O inestimable mercy and most astonishing mystery, born without sin of the Virgin Mary: suffered under Pontius Pilate, a plenary sacrifice and expiation for the sins of the world: was crucified with exquisite torment and anguish: dead and buried, to teach us profound humility and self-denial and martyrdom, and to take away the sting and terror of death. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, to justify all the faithful; and to invite them to a new and noble and heavenly life. He ascended into heaven: where I long to see thee, and to kiss thy feet, most blessed Saviour. Wash my soul first in thy blood: cleanse it from thy pierced side, that it
may

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may be fitted and prepared for that most holy and sublime mansion. *And sitteth on the right-hand of God the Father Almighty*, a most merciful and benign mediatour. *From whence he shall come with astonishing glory and pomp to judge me and all the quick and dead.* O Judge impartial and Almighty, I fear thee, I prepare for thy Advent, I prejudge and condemn my self for the corruptions of my life, I fly to thy cross, I hide me in thy wounds. My faith embraceth thy Salvation. Lord pardon me, and receive me into thy favour.

I believe in the holy Ghost, the efficacious and invisible guide and patron of all humble Souls, and the author of Wisdom, Compunction, Holiness and Constancy.

I believe and own *the holy Catholick Church* the choice and inheritance, and the care and love of God, called from all nations of the world

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world into one faith, and one hope : wherein I have a part by infinite grace. I believe *the Communion of Saints*, I hasten to the Church triumphant.

I believe *the remission of sins*, by thy merits, O holy Jesus, the sure hope and comfort of the living and of the dying.

I believe *the Resurrection of the body*, of this diseased, earthy, painful, decaying body. I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that at the last Day, after Death and Corruption, this very flesh shall stand up spiritual, illustrious and immortal by the power, and the example of Christ's rising, and be wrapt up to meet him in the clouds. *Job c. 19.* and *1 Thess. 4. 7.* Blessed, ever-blessed be the glorious and glorifying JESUS.

Finally I believe *the life everlasting*, even for me, who am unworthy of another secular and incumbered

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bred life, worthy of perpetual misery and fiery indignation, altogether unworthy of the vision of God and unchangeable Felicity. But thy grace is like thy self, O Lord, infinite and incomprehensible. I receive it with all lowliness and confusion. I humble my self to the dust for this unvaluable mercy. Father, fit me for thy promise and bounty. Amen, Amen.

III.

I Heartily bless God, that I was so early baptized into this faith. I glorify him, that by his own support in frequenting the offices of the church, I have so long lived in a firm profession of this saving doctrine. And now, God preserving me from the snare of the devil, I resolve and I rejoyce to die in the same belief.

Moreover I humbly beseech the
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Church the pillar and ensign of truth,
and all my friends, to pray for me,
that my faith fail not, especially
at the hour and agony of Death:
and also to implore God's forgive-
ness, as for the rest of my sins, so
especially if through the violence of
my disease or pain, I shall then
speak unadvisedly and against the
intention of a sober and Christian
mind; for the sake of the wounded
and crucified Saviour. Amen.

O my Friends, live better than I
have done. No service, no care, no
vigor and zeal can any ways an-
swer the bounty of Almighty God;
who nourisheth us upon his earth,
enlightens us from his heavens, and
concludes our mortality with ever-
lasting life, satisfaction and glory. O
love the Lord by whom you breathe:
love the Lord that sent Jesus Christ
into the world to save sinners.

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IV.

ILay hold on this occasion to declare freely before God's minister and my friends, the more remarkable passages of my life, from my birth to this hour: that they may glorify God for his many benefits and extraordinary indulgence to me a most unprofitable and ungrateful servant: and may also beware themselves of the errors and offences, which have disgraced and polluted my conversation: and likewise, if I have done any thing worthy and laudable, that it may sink down into their hearts, and be followed by them and all the Church, to the greater honour of Christ, whose purchase and pity we are. Amen.

V.

ALmighty and most merciful Author and Father I bless thee, I glorify thee, with all holy Angels
and

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and happy Souls, for thy six days Creation, for the light shining out of Chaos and Darknes, and the Chaos made out of nothing: for the heavens and waters, the earth and plants, the sun and moon, the fish and fowl: for the beasts of the earth; but especially for *Adam*, the origine of humanity, the archive of reason and piety, the admirable and admiring possessour of the recent and impolluted world.

I praise thee for thy holy Sabbath, the image and notice of solemn devotion on Earth, and also of everlasting rest in Heaven, to all the workers of Righteousness.

I bless thee for conserving the world for so many thousand years in the same estate and order: for delivering and defending thy faithful people in all ages, with or without natural means: and for over-ruling the counsels and attempts of potentates unto thy own greater glory.

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I praise thee, I adore thee, for recovering lapsed *Adam*, and his tainted posterity, by the early promise and opportune Advent of the all-sufficient Saviour Jesus Christ.

I bless thee for the Holy Bible the richest treasure upon Earth.

I thank thee for setting me down in the world in this age of great knowledge, both human and divine.

I praise thee for all the wisdom and invention, prudence and vertue, magnificence, good works and piety of all that ever lived in the world.

I praise thee for the noble and numberless host of guardian angels, wise and powerful prophets, and apostles and evangelists, valiant martyrs and confessors, pious kings and priests and benefactors, and for the humble and holy men of all times, our imitation and comfort and glory.

O let me die the Death of the Righteous, and let my last end be like his. Amen for Christ's sake.

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CHAP. XIX.

*Desire of Absolution, and of
my Change.*

I.

Vouchsafe me, O Lord, the power and occasion of doing some good, after all the evil I have committed and the scandals I have given, before I go hence and be no more seen: But chiefly grant me a good end of this vain and troublesome life, and at length a glorious Resurrection, through Jesus Christ Amen.

We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, *and I perceive my frame now loosning and falling*, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. And this we

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groan earnestly, desiring to be cloathed upon with our house, which is from heaven. We groan, being burdened with disease and sin and sorrow, and vanity and flesh, to be cloathed upon with a immarcescible vest of purity and glory; that mortality may be swallowed up of endless life, and we be no longer absent from the Lord. Amen. *Cor. c. 5. 1, 4.*

I am now ready to be offered, the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, (*O words of Gold! O happy excite of Christian zeal and fidelity!*) I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of Righteousness, which the Lord the Righteous Judge shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but to all them also that love his appearing. *2 Tim. c. 4. 7.*

and of my Change.

II.

Come now, O holy Priest, servant of the most high God, direct and amend my confessions, dissolve my doubts, especially, &c. Pray for me, pray earnestly for me, particularly concerning, &c. the more grievous lapses and blots of my life. Help forward, Divine man, my repentance; compassionate and concur with my tears. Then Preach to me the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ, and open the vail of infinite mercy to my tender and trembling Soul.

I have Forgiven all the world. I have made Restitution to my utmost power, of all injuries and scandals done by me: and am very sorry, that I cannot make greater amends, quadruple amends for all wrongs.

I have renounced and abominated all my evil practises with contrition and shame.

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I have thrown my self entirely upon the mercy of God in Jesus Christ.

I have recited the Creed with sincerity, resolution, and thankfulness.

I verily believe, that God who gave me this mortal life, together with numberless blessings, is now as ready to grant me everlasting happiness, through the alone merits of Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour.

Come therefore, O holy Priest, my esteem and reverence: Come, happy guide of my flitting Soul; use I humbly beseech thee the authority and office, which our blessed Lord hath given thee: And pronounce over this lowly, cleansed and renewed creature, by GOD's command, and in his name, and through his power alone, the sentence that I ardently long for, the words worthy of all acceptation,
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worthy the ministry of an Angel.
The Lord hear, the Lord blefs, the
Lord absolve, the Lord ratifie.

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OUR Lord Jesus Christ, who hath
left power to his Church to ab-
solve all sinners, who truly repent, and
believe in him, of his great mercy for-
give thee thine offences: And by his
authority committed to me, I absolve
thee from all thy sins, In the Name
of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Amen in Heaven. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest. I take this
Remission with utmost humility. I
believe it ratified by thee, most
gracious Father, the only Author
and Source of pardon and peace.
I give thanks unto thee, most affe-
ctionate thanks unto thy Eternal
Majesty for this inestimable mercy,
and I long to expire in thanksgiving.
Hence-

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Henceforth to me to live is Christ,
to die is gain: *Phil. 1. 21.*

III.

I Humbly thank thee, holy Priest,
for this great, reverend and cha-
ritable Office. God prosper thee,
and the whole Clergy, and all his
faithful people upon Earth; who
are of the same body and interest with
the blessed in Heaven. Amen.

IV.

Blessed, Blessed indeed is he,
whose unrighteousness is for-
given, and whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the Man to whom the
Lord imputeth no sin, and in whose
spirit there is no guile. *Psal. 32.*
1, 2.

Lord, now lettest thou thy ser-
vant depart in peace according to
thy word. I desire no more of earth,
of

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of sinful Earth. I long for thee only, O G O D My Soul panteth after thee; my departing Soul is a thirst for the living God.

O gather it, I most humbly beseech thee by the love and deserts of Jesus, clean and spotless into rest and glory everlasting. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, come quickly. Jesus receive my spirit.

I am now going to an estate perfectly new, new Heavens, new Time, new Life and new Glories. The change is unconceivably great, amazing and unalterable. Nothing is like it here below, but Divine contemplations and the ardors of the Eucharist.

Look, O look Gracious God, upon the face of thy perishing child, and make the separation of this soul
and

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and body as calm and easie, as their union was and as it shall be.

I pass, I pass into Eternity: O for the sake of Jesus who went through the same shades, while the earth sinks down towards its earth, most merciful Father, Sanctifie, Save and Receive this Soul that trusteth in thee, and fleeth to thee. It is finish.

HALLELUJAH.

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CHAP. XXI.

PSALM CXXXIX.

- 1 **O** Lord thou searchest me throughout,
Mark'st every secret and recess,
- 2 My sitting down and rising up,
And all my thoughts, before I guess.
- 3 Th' Eternal eye doth follow me
Through every step, at every stay :
- 4 And while I speak, before they're form'd
Thy Spirit takes the words away.
- 5 Thy presence (and I dread the thought)
Incloseth me on every part :
- 6 Is intimate and piercing, far
Beyond conceit of humane heart.
- 7 How can I shun thee, Ray Divine,
Or whither shall I from thee flee ?
- 8 Heaven is thy throne, if I go there :
And hell I fear, as hell doth thee.
- 9 If to the Western main I post,
The bound of nations and of day ;
- 10 There shall the gleam of Providence
Surprize and bless me in its way.
- 11 The night shall shrowd me, and within
The shadow of the earth I'll lye :
- 12 But shadows, clouds, & this whole globe
Are glass and brightness to thy eye.

13 Thou

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- 13 Thou saw'st me in the stove of life ;
Thou saw'st me, for thou laid'st me there:
14 A piece of strange and various art,
Worthy thy finger and thy care,
15 Fram'd and embroider'd in a cell
Secret as night and deepest mines :
16 A draught to fine for microscope,
Compleat in all its parts and lines.
17 How num'rous is thy grace, O God,
From that small embryo to this man,
18 More than the sands, more than my
Or what no artist reckon can. (faults,

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- 23 Search me, O Lord, and sound my heart,
Examine every valve and string :
24 Amend the Motion, and to bliss
Direct it with a lasting spring.

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Literally, in the direct and common sense both of Jews and Christians: As also *Spiritually*, and in great part from our SAVIOUR's Sermon on the mount. *Matt. c. 5. c. 6, and c. 7.*

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EXOD. CHAP. XX.

I.

GOD spake these words and said, *I am the Lord thy God: Thou shalt have no other Gods but me.*

I believe, I trust in, I adore with deepest reverence of body and mind, I worship according to what is revealed in the Holy Scriptures, and

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I fear and obey above all things
One God Eternal, maker and gover-
nour of the world, and infinitely
more excellent than all his crea-
tures.

Spiritually. I desire to behave my
self in all places as one that really
believes, and daily confesses, and sin-
cerely worships and fears one Al-
mighty, all-knowing, Spiritual,
most excellent, most righteous and
most merciful God, author and ru-
ler and judge of all.

II.

*Thou shalt not make to thy self any
graven image, nor the likeness of any
thing that is in heaven above, or in
the earth beneath, or in the water un-
der the earth. Thou shalt not bow down
to them, nor worship them. For I the
Lord thy God am a jealous God, and
visit the sins of the Fathers upon the
children unto the third and fourth ge-
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neration of them that hate me; and shew mercy unto thousands in them that love me and keep my commandments.

I will not shew any sign or token of religious reverence, trust and devotion to any idol or figure, molten or graven or painted, of the false Gods of the heathens. I will not consult them, or pray to them, or thank and praise them, as my protectors and benefactors: nor will I build Temples or Altars to them, nor offer Sacrifice and Oblations to them. Nor will I make any idols for others to worship, nor any ways confer to, or meddle with the sacrifices and superstitions of Idolaters: nor will I consult wizzards, or use any enchantment.

Moreover, I will not honour any creature, Angel or Man, or other as Gods, or as representations and signs and memorials of the one true God, with the solemn worship, supplication, praises, thanksgiving,
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faith and reliance, self-dedication and obedience, which I in duty render to the most blessed, incorporeal and invisible Creator of all things: but will avoid all occasions of such superstition and profaneness.

Spiritually. I put my trust and final hope and confidence in GOD only: not in riches, or strength, or honour, or wisdom, nor in any creature in Heaven or on Earth. To God I fly by humble prayers in all my concerns and distresses: and upon his gracious providence I wholly rest for the direction and success of all lawful means. I also beseech his Eternal wisdom to enlighten my understanding, with most reverent and convenient conceptions of his infinitely perfect and glorious Majesty.

III.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will
not

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not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

I will not dare to invoke and alledge the great and reverent Name of God to an untruth, or to any light and trivial matter. Nor will I dare to blaspheme and speak evil of God's most Holy and Dreadful Majesty, his Eternity, Perfection, Providence and Government. Nor will I swear, when lawfully called and urged to it, but by the Name of the living and omniscient God, in certain knowledge and righteousness.

Spiritually. I will always speak and discourse with great leisure, care and awe, concerning the power and the justice and the mercy of God. I will never mock or jest, or play with the word of God, or with any verse or phrase of it; nor with any holy and solemn thing or person: But take all heed that my talk within doors and without be

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innocent and profitable. I will also frequently repeat my Sacramental vows, and bend my words and actions thereunto, the Lord helping me.

IV.

Remember that thou keep holy the sabbath-day. Six days shalt thou labour and do all that thou hast to do: but the seventh-day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou nor thy son and thy daughter, thy man-servant and thy maid-servant, thy cattle and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh-day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh-day: and hallowed it.

I will observe the rules of my Religion.

Spiritually. I will take care that I and all belonging to me do sanctifie the Lord's-day; abstaining from worldly business, except for charity,
and

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and frequenting the publick Prayers and Sermons and Sacraments, and visiting the Sick, and relieving the Poor; and at home reading and meditating on the Holy Scriptures. I will also spend part of other Holy days in prayers and praises of God, in publick and in private. Finally in my family I will daily use domestick prayers.

V.

*Honour thy father and thy mother:
that thy days may be long in the land,
which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*

I will obey, I will reverence outwardly by all signs of honour, and inwardly by fear and awe of mind, all my superiors, spiritual and temporal, my parents, master and mistress, priest and ruler, according to their several degrees and authorities, in all things not plainly repugnant to God's word: and when ever they

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command any thing contrary thereunto, if I may not according to law, righteousness and honour appeal to a superior power on earth, I will patiently submit to their censures and penalties. I will also readily pay my tithes and taxes. I will reverence the aged, the wise, the noble, and those that are in office. Lastly, I will commend and assist, feed and maintain my parents, as they need.

Spiritually. I will not seek undutifully or idly to withdraw my self from the command and power of my governours: but make good my promises, oaths and obligations to them in all things.

VI.

Thou shalt do no murder.

I will not kill, nor by any means hasten the death of my self or any other man: but rather forewarn and prevent any imminent hurt and hazard.

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zard. Nor will I revenge or retaliate or bear in mind any injury, unkindness, calumny or reproach. Nor will I go to war, but upon an evidently righteous cause and commission, and in the apparent danger of the publick.

Spiritually. I will be grievous and troublesome to none. I will not be angry without very just cause, nor then will I let the Sun go down in my wrath. I will hate no body in the world: but love all God's creatures; and I will readily forgive, pity, pray for, and help both friends and enemies in their distress. I will also use all prudence, temperance and lawful means to preserve my body in health as the engine of God's glory, till he call for it.

VII.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

I will not commit adultery or fornication, or be assisting thereunto:
nor

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nor will I use any unchast behaviour, nor will I marry any of my kindred forbidden *Lev. c. 18*. Nor will I seek to be divorced, but for great and necessary causes, as adultery, &c. I will abstain from the foment of lust and cruelty, as gluttony, strong drinks, blood-eating, &c.

Spiritually. I will endeavour by temperance or fasting, by diligence in my calling, by prayer, by reading the pure word of God, by discreet and pious company, and by modest apparel, and profitable discourse, to avert all unclean thoughts and desires, and not suffer my eye to offend.

VIII.

Thou shalt not steal.

I will not steal any thing or person, nor conceal any theft. I will not deceive, cheat and over-reach in my dealings any person, young or old,

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old, simple or wise : nor will I falsify my word or my trust : nor waste or deny any goods, lands, writings or pledge of anothers, which I have in my power. Nor will I encroach upon, or crush and oppress any body, as by over-working the labourer, defrauding or diminishing his wages, or by undue usury and immoderate lucre for any loan, service, bargain or game. Nor will I by violence or out of revenge seize any person or goods. Nor will I give mischievous counsel to any.

Spiritually. I will hurt no body : but do as I would be done to, yea do what good I can in the world.

IX.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

I will not bear false witness before a magistrate God's ordinance. Nor will I invent or spread abroad any slander

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slander and false report against any Man. Nor for profit, or out of fear friendship or obedience, nor upon any account whatsoever will I tell a lye : nor will I disclose the secrets of my friend, but for righteousness sake.

Spiritually. I will live honestly, peaceably and courteously with all men, without guile and hypocrisie, without censoriousness, without malice and pride, and all their symptoms.

X.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

I will not endeavour by indirect means and contrivances, as threats, quarrels, fraud, liberty, flattery and enticements, to procure any part of the estate, goods or family of my neighbour.

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Spiritually. Without Envy and with very good Content, I thank God for my present estate; imploring his blessing on my diligence to continue or advance it, that I may be more charitable, useful, beloved and reputable while I live.

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